

Senate Resolution 634

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Shrine of the Black Madonna; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Shrine of the Black Madonna has been an active part of the religious
4 community in the State of Georgia for the past 30 years; and

5 WHEREAS, the founder Reverend Albert B. Cleage, Jr., also known as Jaramogi Abebe
6 Agyeman, has charged the members of the Shrine to be the living examples of active
7 community involvement and to chart a "New Direction for the Black Church"; and

8 WHEREAS, those members are actualizing the dreams of the founder by conducting such
9 innovative community programs as an African Cultural Center and Bookstore, Community
10 Service Center, Akebulan Nursery, Westend Computer Center, Karamu Art Gallery, and The
11 Black Slate, Inc.; and

12 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize the Shrine of the Black Madonna of the
13 Pan-African Orthodox Church as a valuable member of the religious community in the State
14 of Georgia.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 join to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Shrine of the Black Madonna and commend its
17 many valuable contributions to the State of Georgia.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Shrine of the Black Madonna.