

House Resolution 1536

By: Representatives Jones of the 44th, Brooks of the 63rd, and Williams of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the legendary musical group, The Tams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for over 40 years, The Tams have been delighting audiences with their smooth
3 harmonies and thrilling, dance-inducing rhythms; and
- 4 WHEREAS, also known as the Joe Pope Tams, the group takes its name from the Tam
5 O'Shanter hats they wear on stage and today includes Charles Pope (founder, original
6 member, and brother of the late Joseph Pope), Little Redd Cottle, Joe Jones, Mike Jones, and
7 Reginald Preston; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Tams were founded in Atlanta in 1952 with original members Joseph Pope,
9 Charles Pope, Robert Lee Smith, and Horace Kay, and first emerged with a single on Swan
10 in 1960; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after adding a fifth member, Floyd Ashton, they signed with Bill Lowery, an
12 Atlanta songwriter and song publisher who would unite The Tams with two of their most
13 important collaborators, Joe South and Ray Whitley, and recorded the Top 20 R&B hit,
14 "Untie Me;" subsequently securing a deal with ABC Paramount, The Tams released another
15 single, "What Kind of Fool (Do You Think I Am)," which reached the top 10; and
- 16 WHEREAS, over the course of their extraordinary history, The Tams have entertained
17 audiences with such hits as "You Lied To Your Daddy," "Hey Girl Don't Bother Me," and
18 "Be Young, Be Foolish, Be Happy," helped bolster the "Shag" dance craze, and have
19 collaborated with such artists as Jimmy Buffett and G. C. Cameron of The Spinners; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in all, the Tams have recorded 13 albums and have one platinum and two gold
21 records, and in recognition of their immense musical contributions, they have been inducted
22 into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, the Beach Music Hall of Fame, and the Atlanta Hall

1 of Fame and were voted Outstanding Black Musical Group and 80's Beach Band of the
2 Decade; and

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is very proud to be home to these legendary musical pioneers.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in commending The Tams on their many exceptional musical
6 achievements.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to The Tams.