

Senate Resolution 1019

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Reed of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Stephanie S. Hughley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stephanie S. Hughley, executive producer of the Atlanta based National
3 Black Arts Festival, was recently honored at Lincoln Center in New York City by the
4 Association of Performing Arts Presenters with the prestigious William Dawson Award for
5 Programmatic Excellence; and
- 6 WHEREAS, with the award, the Association of Performing Arts Presenters recognizes the
7 quality, innovation, and vision of program design, audience building, and community efforts
8 of Mrs. Hughley; and
- 9 WHEREAS, since Mrs. Hughley took the position of executive producer in 1999, she has
10 been responsible for creating and developing the unique artistic vision of the National Black
11 Arts Festival and managing its day-to-day operations; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the mission of the National Black Arts Festival is to engage, cultivate, and
13 educate diverse audiences about the arts and culture of the African Diaspora and to provide
14 opportunities for artistic and creative expression; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hughley graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Science
16 degree and went on to Antioch College to obtain her Master of Education degree; and
- 17 WHEREAS, from 1987 through 1992, she was the founding artistic director of the National
18 Black Arts Festival, and earlier in her career, she was a professional dancer with a number
19 of esteemed companies including the Dance Theater of Boston and the African/Caribbean
20 and Ballet Companies of Boston's National Center of Afro-American Artists; and

1 WHEREAS, prior to moving to Atlanta, she was the general manager of the Negro Ensemble
2 Company in New York City where she mounted and supervised 12 original productions and
3 four national and international tours; and

4 WHEREAS, she was the vice president of programming of the New Jersey Performing Arts
5 Center and has worked extensively on Broadway as the company and general manager for
6 a variety of successful productions; and

7 WHEREAS, she currently serves on the board of the Metro Atlanta Arts and Culture
8 Coalition and the Atlanta Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, is a member of the
9 Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers, and acts as a consultant to a number
10 of performing arts institutions, including the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the
11 Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and the National Music Center in Washington, D.C.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 recognize and commend Mrs. Stephanie S. Hughley for being awarded the William Dawson
14 Award for Programmatic Excellence and for her numerous outstanding accomplishments and
15 contributions to her community and this state.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
17 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Stephanie S. Hughley.