

Senate Resolution 1197

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending HBCU Bus Tours.com; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have a history and
3 tradition of educating students of color for over 100 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are currently 105 HBCU institutions operating across the United States,
5 graduating over 70 percent of this nation's African Americans who earn bachelor's degrees;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, HBCU Bus Tours.com was created to give inner city black youth an
8 opportunity to travel to HBCU schools to meet students, professors, and alumni and tour the
9 school's campus; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Atlanta HBCU Bus Tour Month 2010 was created to welcome high school
11 students from around the country to Atlanta, Georgia, during a 30 day period from March 5
12 to April 8, 2010; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Atlanta is home to some of the best academic HBCUs in the country, with
14 Spelman and Morehouse Colleges consistently ranked in the top ten academically of all
15 HBCU institutions; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Clark Atlanta University graduate school of business consistently receives
17 high marks for the quality of its longstanding program, and Morris Brown College has been
18 a pillar in the world of higher education in Atlanta for many years, with a list of distinguished
19 graduates working in all aspects of life and living throughout the United States; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Atlanta University Center serves as the home for the Interdenominational
21 Theology Center, an institution that has produced some of the most outstanding pastors,

22 teachers, and theologians in the ministry today and offers a diverse assortment of programs
23 to train the best and brightest who are called to preach the gospel; and

24 WHEREAS, the goal of Atlanta HBCU Bus Tour Month 2010 is to show prospective
25 students of HBCUs what this state offers in terms of restaurants, attractions, hotels, and other
26 entertainment in the hopes that these young people will return to Atlanta for their college
27 careers, graduate in four years, and stay in Georgia to become a part of this state's ever
28 growing diverse, educated, and highly technological workforce.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend HBCU Bus Tours.com for exposing prospective college students to the
31 Historically Black Colleges and Universities of this nation and recognize the Atlanta HBCU
32 Bus Tour Month 2010 as a unique and important method of attracting college students to the
33 State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to HBCU Bus Tours.com.