

Senate Resolution 1212

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Lonnie G. Johnson for his innovative contributions to the
2 development of revolutionary energy technology; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lonnie G. Johnson is the president and founder of Johnson Research and
4 Development Co., Inc., a company that is developing ground-breaking energy technologies;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a
7 master's degree in nuclear engineering from Tuskegee University; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Air Force, rising to the rank of captain, serving as a nuclear research officer with Air
10 Force Systems Command, and was awarded two Air Force Achievement Medals and an Air
11 Force Commendation Medal; and

12 WHEREAS, as a civilian, he received achievement awards from NASA for his system design
13 work on projects at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and

14 WHEREAS, holding over 100 patents, with 20 more pending, his most famous invention is
15 the SuperSoaker water gun, which he developed in 1989 and was the number one selling toy
16 in America in 1991; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson and his teams are currently working on two new generations of
18 rechargeable battery technology which will address the critical needs of future mobile energy
19 systems through increased energy storage capacity with reduced size, weight, and costs; and

20 WHEREAS, also being developed by Dr. Johnson and his teams is an all-solid state engine
21 that converts heat directly into electricity with no moving mechanical components, with the
22 potential to revolutionize the global energy market; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson's innovation has been recognized with numerous awards and
24 accolades, including the 2008 Breakthrough Award from *Popular Mechanics Magazine* and
25 features in *Time Magazine*, the *New York Times*, and *Inventor's Digest*; and

26 WHEREAS, a community leader, Dr. Johnson serves as chairman of the board of directors
27 of the Georgia Alliance for Children, as a member on the board of directors of the Hank
28 Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation, and as a member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
31 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Dr. Lonnie G. Johnson for his innovations in energy technology and recognize his
34 incredible career in the field of engineering and his community service.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Lonnie G. Johnson.