

Senate Resolution 1214

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Butterworth of the 50th, Smith of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Black Crowes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Black Crowes rock and roll band began in 1984 in Atlanta, Georgia, as a
3 revivalist band dedicated to celebrating and playing 1970s-era blues rock and have been
4 hailed by *Melody Maker* as "The Most Rock 'n' Roll Rock 'n' Roll Band in the World"; and

5 WHEREAS, originally called Mr. Crowes Garden, the Black Crowes have been driven to
6 succeed by brothers Chris and Rich Robinson, and today they are listed at #92 on VH1's 100
7 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1990, the band released their first studio album, *Shake Your Money Maker*,
9 which received multiplatinum certification and has sold over 8 million copies worldwide, and
10 was voted 'Best New American Band' by the readers of *Rolling Stone*; and

11 WHEREAS, a stripped-down, sexy sound that combines R&B, blues, arena rock, and boogie,
12 *Shake Your Money Maker* came along at a time when grunge and alternative rock had
13 temporarily done away with the notion of rock as a place for playful, soulful good times; and

14 WHEREAS, their songs "Hard to Handle" and "She Talks to Angels" from the *Shake Your*
15 *Money Maker* album both broke into the Top 30 on the pop charts in 1991; and

16 WHEREAS, their second album, the double-platinum *The Southern Harmony and Musical*
17 *Companion*, was released in 1992 and hit #1 on the *Billboard* 200 chart; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1994 they released *America*, which reached Gold status, selling over 500,000
19 copies; they released *Three Snakes and One Charm* in 1996; and they followed up with *By*
20 *Your Side* in 1999 and *Lions* in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, after a break to pursue solo careers in 2002, the band reunited in 2005, releasing
22 *Warpaint* in 2008, which debuted at #5 on the *Billboard* 200 chart, and the double record
23 *Before the Frost...Until the Freeze* in 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, styled after the Rolling Stones, the Black Crowes have amassed an international
25 fan base and following over the last three decades, and the successful music career of this
26 Georgia band is worthy of recognition.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the Black Crowes for three decades of incredible music and extend to them sincere
29 best wishes for future success in the music industry.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Black Crowes.