

Senate Resolution 1308

By: Senators James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th and Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dance to a Different Drum, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dance to a Different Drum, Inc., was established in 1998 in Atlanta, Georgia,
3 by Nana Agyeiwaah Anan, an Akan priest, who is a performing, literary, recording, and
4 teaching artist; and

5 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, the mission of Dance to a Different Drum is to
6 celebrate African and African American art forms and serve communities through work with
7 other nonprofit art, humanities, and service organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Anan has earned a well-deserved reputation as an expressive and receptive
9 teacher whose reinforcement and motivation techniques create a comfortable environment
10 that supports learning while contributing to the positive self image of participants; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Anan uses drama, dance, music, and poetry to weave powerful tales of
12 tragedy and triumph, through such works as *American Fruits with African Roots*, and
13 sing-along songs, tell-along songs, and do-along dances; and

14 WHEREAS, since its creation, Dance to a Different Drum's performances, workshops, and
15 residencies have touched over 30,000 lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Dance to a Different Drum is supported by the Fulton County Arts Council and
17 the Georgia Council for the Arts; and

18 WHEREAS, Dance to a Different Drum has provided support for organizations such as
19 Smart Start and the Department of Education; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
21 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
22 recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Dance to a Different Drum, Inc., for serving as a positive force in the Atlanta
25 community and inspiring countless Georgians.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dance to a Different Drum, Inc.