

Senate Resolution 1609

By: Senator James of the 35th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James Hall and Enlyfe New Direction Alliance and  
2 Ministries, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Enlyfe New Direction Alliance and Ministries, Inc., is an organization that  
4 works diligently to address the major issues facing residents of the City of Atlanta and Fulton  
5 County returning to the area after incarceration in Georgia's prisons; and

6 WHEREAS, under the leadership and direction of Dr. James Hall, Enlyfe works to reduce  
7 recidivism and encourages successful reentry into the community for Atlanta and Fulton  
8 County citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall is an educator, clinical psychologist, and epidemiologist who devotes  
10 his time, talents, and energy to improving the lives offenders by providing a smooth  
11 transition back into their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Enlyfe works under the Second Chance Act, a collaborative and bipartisan  
13 effort between the United States Congress and the Obama Administration to increase the  
14 likelihood of successful reentry into communities by the 750,000 individuals who leave  
15 prison systems each year; and

16 WHEREAS, the Second Chance Act authorizes federal grants to government agencies and  
17 nonprofit organizations to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment,  
18 housing, family programming, mentoring, victim support, and other services to help reduce  
19 recidivism; and

20 WHEREAS, numerous organizations have collaborated with Enlyfe and include the Georgia  
21 Department of Corrections Reentry Services under the direction of director A.J. Sebree; the  
22 United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice  
23 Assistance; Celebrate Recovery under the direction of founder Carol Spain; S.T.E.M., Inc.,  
24 Employment Service for Reentry under president Vermell Jordan; Formerly Incarcerated

25 Persons Community Support Group under the direction of advocate A.J. Sabree; Bridge DA  
26 GAP Youth Movement, and United Straz Youth Organization; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 recognize Enlyfe New Direction Alliance and Ministries, Inc., for its dedicated and selfless  
32 service to improving the lives of residents in Atlanta and Fulton County who are returning  
33 to their communities.

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 Dr. James Hall.