

Senate Resolution 248

By: Senators James of the 35th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Black and Ethnic Entertainment, Film, Fashion,
2 Television, and Arts Awards; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Black and Ethnic Entertainment, Fashion, Television, and Arts (BEFFTA)
4 Awards is a prestigious red carpet, black-tie international event and distinctly special awards
5 ceremony; and

6 WHEREAS, the BEFFTA Awards honors the best entertainment and showbiz personalities
7 in the black and ethnic minority communities of the United Kingdom, the United States, and
8 globally; and

9 WHEREAS, launched in London two years ago, the BEFFTA Awards debut in Atlanta on
10 February 23, 2011, at the World Congress Center in commemoration of the United States'
11 observation of Black History Month; and

12 WHEREAS, the star studded event recognizes Atlanta's home grown talents as well as
13 international talents; and

14 WHEREAS, Atlanta's own Tyler Perry has received three nominations for Best Film Actor,
15 Best Film Producer, and Best Film Director, while his film *For Colored Girls Only* is
16 nominated as Best Film and three actors from Mr. Perry's television sitcoms are nominated
17 for Best TV Actor and Actress; and

18 WHEREAS, Dwight Eubanks of the *Real Housewives of Atlanta* television show has been
19 nominated for Best Celebrity Stylist, Best Hairdresser, and Best Makeup Artist; and

20 WHEREAS, Atlanta's popular video director Gabriel Hart has been nominated for Best
21 Video Director; and

22 WHEREAS, the event will feature Positive Runway: Global Catwalk to Stop the Spread, a
23 voluntary global HIV/AIDS response campaign that tours the world working with beauty
24 queens, models, fashion designers, and celebrities from film, music, television, sport, and
25 other arts as effective advocates for the young generation in the fight against the spread of
26 HIV/AIDS; and

27 WHEREAS, the members of this body and the people of Georgia welcome the BEFFTA
28 Awards to their fine Southern state and the City of Atlanta.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend the Black and Ethnic Entertainment, Film, Fashion, Television, and Arts Awards
31 and welcome its participants to the City of Atlanta.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Black and Ethnic Entertainment,
34 Film, Fashion, Television, and Arts Awards.