

Senate Resolution 1167

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Princess Pat Akpabio; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Princess Pat Akpabio is an Atlanta based Nigerian gospel singer and the only
3 African American inducted into the Grammy's Recording Academy as a voting member; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Princess Akpabio is a trained financial analyst who earned a bachelor's degree
5 in finance from Georgia State University; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her album, *I've Got Feelings*, was released in April of 2011 and resonates a
7 message of faith, encouragement, and triumph through Christ; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Princess Akpabio has received numerous honors and recognitions, including
9 being the first Nigerian gospel artist to receive the National Excellence Award and the first
10 to have a Hall of Fame named in her honor in Liberia, and she was nominated as the Nigerian
11 Gospel Musician of the Year in 2010; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she is an ambassador to the United Nations Peace Initiative and the founder and
13 CEO of the Pat Akpabio Foundation for HIV/AIDS and Breast Cancer Research, a
14 foundation dedicated to research, awareness, prevention, and empowerment of persons
15 affected, infected, and impacted by these diseases; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is an ordained evangelist and a lady in
17 the Order of John Wesley; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Ibanga I. Akpabio, and together they have
19 been blessed with three remarkable children, Princess Rachel, Prince Othniel, and Prince
20 Daniel Akpabio; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the impressive career of this
22 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Princess Pat Akpabio for her many accomplishments in the music industry and her
25 dedicated public service to others and extend to her their sincere best wishes for future
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Princess Pat Akpabio.