Senate Resolution 1175 By: Senator Thompson of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Ms. Ja'Naan for becoming USA Artist in Residence for Sierra 1

2 Leone, West Africa; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a resident of the City of Decatur in DeKalb County, Ms. Ja'Naan has achieved 4 the distinction of becoming USA Artist in Residence for Sierra Leone, West Africa; and

5 WHEREAS, the USA Artist in Residence for Sierra Leone, West Africa, serves as a goodwill 6 ambassador to promote reconciliation, cultural understanding, and friendships between 7 people of the United States and Sierra Leone through jazz, jazz gospel, music of the African 8 diaspora, theatrical performances, education, and health, wellness, and cultural awareness; 9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Ja'Naan has made outstanding contributions to the arts in the State of 11 Georgia through her unique multi-ethnic art form and method, which combines historical 12 themes and current events as both serious messages and entertainment values, community 13 involvement, health and wellness, development of youth, prison reform, and senior citizens 14 initiatives; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Artistic Officer of the Beat 'N Sync Interaction, Ms. Ja'Naan 15 provides artists and youths in the State of Georgia and the Southeast with the opportunity to 16 perform, be a part of public service, and advance the cultural heritage of the state; and 17

18 WHEREAS, her performances through Ja'Di and as USA Artist in Residence for Sierra 19 Leone, West Africa, are of inestimable value to her admiring fans throughout Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this 21 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

- 22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 23 commend Ms. Ja'Naan on the success she has deservedly achieved throughout her theatrical
- 24 career and congratulate her for achieving USA Artist in Residence for Sierra Leone, West
- 25 Africa.
- 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 Ms. Ja'Naan.