

Senate Resolution 1329

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Seretta Monae Shephard-Pettigrew; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Seretta Monae Shephard-Pettigrew has successfully completed the Christian
3 Rites of Passage (CRoP) program created at Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta,
4 Georgia, a yearlong leadership program for high school students entering their sophomore
5 or junior year; and

6 WHEREAS, participants in the program are immersed in a 12 step Christian based rites of
7 passage program that encourages positive progression from one stage of life to another
8 through personal enrichment, educational support, and community service projects; and

9 WHEREAS, the key messages of the CRoP program are nurturing spiritual growth; building
10 humanity, kindness, and compassion; inspiring spiritual empowerment and leadership; and
11 developing healthy self-esteem, self-pride, and self-excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, the CRoP program was founded in 2003 by Ida Ruth Irwin Crook and has
13 support and guidance from the senior pastor at Cascade United Methodist Church, Reverend
14 Marvin A. Moss; and

15 WHEREAS, since it was established, the CRoP program has spiritually nurtured more than
16 150 young people who have come back to speak to new program participants and share
17 personal experiences on how the program positively impacted their lives; and

18 WHEREAS, the Christian Rites of Passage program has been a positive force in the
19 community with 93 percent of its graduates moving forward to pursue college degrees; and

20 WHEREAS, each year, the CRoP program culminates with a Candlelight Award Ceremony
21 and Debutante and Beau Recognition Celebration Ball to bring together families and friends
22 to celebrate the accomplishments of the program's participants.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Seretta Monae Shephard-Pettigrew, beloved daughter of Alice Johnson and
25 Eugene Johnson, for successfully completing the 2011-2012 Christian Rites of Passage
26 program at Cascade United Methodist Church and extend to her their sincere best wishes for
27 future success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Seretta Monae Shephard-Pettigrew.