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Senate Resolution 1330

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Cheyanne Aleah Morris; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Cheyanne Aleah Morris has successfully completed the Christian Rites of
- 3 Passage (CRoP) program created at Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia,
- 4 a yearlong leadership program for high school students entering their sophomore or junior
- 5 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
- 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.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body

- 24 commend Cheyanne Aleah Morris, beloved daughter of Cheryl and Anthony Morris, for
- 25 successfully completing the 2011-2012 Christian Rites of Passage program at Cascade
- 26 United Methodist Church and extend to her their sincere best wishes for future 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 Cheyanne Aleah Morris.