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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Iman Kyra Eaton; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, Iman Kyra Eaton has successfully completed the Christian Rites of Passage
- 3 (CRoP) program created at Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, a yearlong
- 4 leadership program for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year; and
- 5 WHEREAS, participants in the program are immersed in a 12 step Christian based rites of 6 passage program that encourages positive progression from one stage of life to another
- 7 through personal enrichment, educational support, and community service projects; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the key messages of the CRoP program are nurturing spiritual growth; building
- 9 humanity, kindness, and compassion; inspiring spiritual empowerment and leadership; and
- 10 developing healthy self-esteem, self-pride, and self-excellence; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the CRoP program was founded in 2003 by Ida Ruth Irwin Crook and has

12 support and guidance from the senior pastor at Cascade United Methodist Church, Reverend

- 13 Marvin A. Moss; and
- WHEREAS, since it was established, the CRoP program has spiritually nurtured more than
 150 young people who have come back to speak to new program participants and share
- 16 personal experiences on how the program positively impacted their lives; and
- WHEREAS, the Christian Rites of Passage program has been a positive force in thecommunity with 93 percent of its graduates moving forward to pursue college degrees; and
- 19 WHEREAS, each year, the CRoP program culminates with a Candlelight Award Ceremony
- 20 and Debutante and Beau Recognition Celebration Ball to bring together families and friends
- 21 to celebrate the accomplishments of the program's participants.

- 22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 23 commend Iman Kyra Eaton, beloved daughter of Verona and Kenneth Eaton, for successfully
- 24 completing the 2011-2012 Christian Rites of Passage program at Cascade United Methodist
- 25 Church and extend to her their sincere best wishes for future success.
- 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 Iman Kyra Eaton.