

Senate Resolution 1348

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Paul L. Howard III; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Paul L. Howard III 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

14 WHEREAS, since it was established, the CRoP program has spiritually nurtured more than
15 150 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

17 WHEREAS, the Christian Rites of Passage program has been a positive force in the
18 community 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 Paul L. Howard III, beloved son of Petrina and Paul Howard II, for successfully
24 completing the 2011-2012 Christian Rites of Passage program at Cascade United Methodist
25 Church and extend to him 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 Paul L. Howard III.