

Senate Resolution 69

By: Senators Henson of the 41st and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Michael Conrad Hidalgo; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Michael Conrad Hidalgo has served the citizens of the State of Georgia by
3 raising and administering over \$5 million of funding for scholarships and for children's
4 education, performance, and visual arts programs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Michael was born on January 24, 1963, a beloved son of Conrad and Joanne
6 Hidalgo; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Woodbride High School, Northern Community College, and
8 the Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta and attended Virginia Tech University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Michael, along with his life partner, David Thomas, founded the ART Station
10 Contemporary Art Center and Theatre Company in 1984; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he has served as the set, lighting, and sound designer for the ART Station
12 Theatre for 28 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, an enterprising and successful man, Michael has served in leadership positions
14 in the Stone Mountain Historical Society and Main Street Stone Mountain, Inc., and is the
15 current chair of the Stone Mountain Planning and Zoning Commission; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he has selflessly dedicated his time as a volunteer for the Women's and
17 Children's Shelter providing meals and shelter for homeless families and for Nicholas House
18 through St. Bart's Episcopal Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Michael's effective leadership and stylistic support were invaluable in 1996
20 when he took on the role of Associate Director of the Opening Ceremonies of the 1996
21 Olympic Games; and

22 WHEREAS, Michael and David worked together to create the David Thomas and Michael
23 Hidalgo Theatre Arts Scholarship at Appalachian State University to benefit future arts
24 administration leaders, providing an annual \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving arts
25 administration student; and

26 WHEREAS, the City of Stone Mountain has been so moved by the dedicated actions of this
27 valued member of the community that they have designated January 26, 2013, to be Michael
28 Hidalgo Day in honor of this outstanding individual's unwavering spirit of good will and
29 service.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Michael Conrad Hidalgo for his exceptional contributions to Stone Mountain,
32 DeKalb County, and the State of Georgia and congratulate him on being so appropriately
33 honored by the community of Stone Mountain.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate a copy of this resolution to Michael Conrad Hidalgo.