

Senate Resolution 192

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Monica Denise Brown for her outstanding accomplishments;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Monica Denise Brown, best known simply as Monica, an American R&B
4 singer-songwriter, record producer, and actress, has long been recognized for her significant
5 contributions to the world of music; and

6 WHEREAS, born October 24, 1980, in College Park, Georgia, to Marilyn Best and M.C.
7 "Billy" Arnold, Jr., Monica showed dedication and talent at an early age, performing at the
8 Jones Hill Chapel United Methodist Church at just two-years-old; and

9 WHEREAS, at the age of ten, she became the youngest member of Charles Thompson and
10 the Majestics, a 12 piece gospel choir, and eventually signed with Arista Records at the age
11 of 13, releasing her debut album *Miss Thang* in 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, the album's first two singles, "Don't Take It Personal" and "Before You Walk
13 Out of My Life" made her the youngest recording act to ever have two consecutive
14 chart-topping hits on the U.S. Billboard Top R&B Singles chart; and

15 WHEREAS, Monica earned international chart success with her second album, *The Boy Is
16 Mine*, and the album's number-one hit title track, a duet with Brandy, won her a Grammy
17 Award for Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals, establishing her as one
18 of the most successful urban R&B female vocalists; and

19 WHEREAS, the singer's personal struggles could not stop the creativity of this talented
20 individual, releasing *All Eyez on Me* in 2002 and *After the Storm* in 2003, an album that
21 produced her fifth number one single, "So Gone"; and

22 WHEREAS, her latest album, *Still Standing*, was released in 2010 and produced the hit
23 singles "Everything to Me," her sixth number one hit, and "Love All Over Me"; and

24 WHEREAS, this visionary has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide and, with a
25 career that spans over 15 years, has won numerous awards and distinctions including
26 nomination for four American Music Awards, five Billboard Music Awards, four Grammy
27 Awards, two MTV Video Music Awards, six Soul Train Music Awards, two Pop Broadcast
28 Music Awards, one BET Music Award, and many more; and

29 WHEREAS, she has two beloved sons, Rodney Ramone Hill III and Romelo Montez Hill,
30 and is married to NBA player Shannon Brown; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of one of the most
32 successful musical artists of our time is appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Monica and recognize her significant contributions to the world of music and
35 extend their best wishes for future success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Monica.