

Senate Resolution 524

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Carter of the 42nd, Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th,
Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Richard A. Long; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of noted cultural historian, Richard A. Long, in January, 2013, at the age of
4 85; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and knew from an early age
6 that he wanted to teach; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Long earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Temple University,
8 did doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania, was a Fulbright Scholar at the
9 University of Paris, and received his doctoral degree at the University of Poitiers; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Long will be well remembered for his devotion to nourishing the art
11 community, his fascination with human expression, and his recognition that stories can be
12 best told through the medium of visual arts; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was the author of several books, including *Black Americana*, *The Black*
14 *Tradition in American Dance*, and *Grown Deep: Essays on the Harlem Renaissance*; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was the founder of the Triennial Symposium on African Art and of
16 the New World Festival of the African Diaspora; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he served on the board of directors of the Smithsonian Museum of African Art,
18 on the National Planner Committee of the Zora Neale Hurston Festival, and was a life
19 member of the board of directors of the High Museum of Art; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
21 for integrity, intelligence, service, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his

22 life through his rich cultural and intellectual contributions as a scholar, teacher, collector,
23 author, mentor, and inspiration to all who were touched by his life, he made this world a
24 better place in which to live.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Richard A. Long and express their deepest and
27 most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Richard A. Long.