

## Senate Resolution 517

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Cowsert of the 46th, Jackson of the 24th and Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Francine Reed on her induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for most of her life, Chicago-born Francine Reed's voice has reached around  
4 the globe, starting as a child singing as part of her family's gospel group; and

5 WHEREAS, she moved to Atlanta in 1993 and transformed herself from an R&B and jazz  
6 singer into a blues singer after living across the street from famed Atlanta blues club Blind  
7 Willie's; and

8 WHEREAS, Reed has shared the stage with the music industry's best talent including Miles  
9 Davis, Smokey Robinson, Etta James, and The Crusaders; has cut tracks with Willie Nelson  
10 and Delbert McClinton; and sang the National Anthem at Turner Field for the Atlanta  
11 Braves; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1985, she began her distinguished partnership with Lyle Lovett with whom  
13 she is still on the road as the feature vocalist in his Large Band, has appeared five times on  
14 *The Tonight Show*, and performed on *The Late Show with David Letterman*; and

15 WHEREAS, she duetted with Lovett on his song "Why I Don't Know" for her 1995 solo  
16 debut album *I Want You to Love Me*, whose success was followed by *Can't Make It on My*  
17 *Own*, *Shades of Blue*, *Here Comes Frani Claus*, *I've Got a Right to Some of My Best*, and the  
18 phenomenal 2013 concert album, *Live at Eddie's Attic*; and

19 WHEREAS, Francine Reed was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 2014, and  
20 it is both fitting and proper that her contributions to music and the State of Georgia's musical  
21 history be recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend Francine Reed on her induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and look  
24 forward to seeing her work recognized and recorded into Georgia's musical history and  
25 legacy.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Francine Reed.