

Senate Resolution 1176

By: Senators Beach of the 21st and James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Tyler Perry; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1998, his first musical, *I Know I've Been Changed*, premiered at the infamous  
4 Fox Theatre in Atlanta; in 2005, his first feature film, *Diary Of A Mad Black Woman*,  
5 debuted at number one; and in 2006, he released his first book, *Don't Make A Black Woman  
6 Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries On Life and Love*, which  
7 remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry expanded his reach into households worldwide with the TBS  
9 series *House of Payne* and later with the series *Meet the Browns*, which were the highest and  
10 second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he  
11 currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2008, he revitalized Delta Airlines' former headquarters and opened a  
13 200,000 square foot studio in Atlanta that employs hundreds of Georgians, and in 2015, Mr.  
14 Perry bought 330 acres of the former military base, Fort McPherson, on which he will restore  
15 and construct state-of-the-art facilities that will open the door for local business opportunities  
16 and job creation in the motion picture and television industry; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry strongly supports our state and national communities through  
18 charities such as Feeding America, Covenant House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, Project  
19 Adventure, Perry Place, and his own foundation, the Tyler Perry Foundation, which  
20 transforms tragedy into triumph by empowering economically disadvantaged youth, seniors,  
21 and families to overcome adversity by achieving a better quality of life; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a true servant-leader and pillar of the entertainment community, the  
23 Atlanta area, and the State of Georgia.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize Tyler Perry for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the State of  
26 Georgia.

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