

Senate Resolution 243

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Tyler Perry and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana;
4 and

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

10 WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry's comedic talents delighted audiences worldwide with the
11 TBS series *House of Payne* and later with the series *Meet the Browns*, which were the highest
12 and second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he
13 currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
25 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Lee Street from the West End Mall to the
28 entrance of Fort McPherson in Fulton County is dedicated as the Tyler Perry Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Tyler Perry Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Tyler Perry and
33 to the Department of Transportation.