

Senate Resolution 900

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ryan Cameron; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ryan Cameron has been a prominent and lively radio broadcaster and on-air
3 personality in Atlanta for more than 20 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a student at the University of West Georgia, he overcame a childhood speech
5 impediment and became well known across campus by working at the school's radio station,
6 which earned him credibility amongst his peers; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ryan interned for a year at The People's Station, V-103 (WVEE), and later
8 hosted a long-running, self-titled afternoon show, "The Ryan Cameron Show," that
9 eventually claimed the number one spot in Atlanta Radio; and
- 10 WHEREAS, since his humble beginnings, Ryan has appeared on CNN, MTV, ESPN, BET,
11 and HGTV; hosted countless events across the country; become the official public address
12 announcer for the Atlanta Hawks; appeared in several movies; and has earned two Marconi
13 nominations and won two Emmy Awards; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ryan and his wife Kysha cofounded the Ryan Cameron Foundation (RCF) as
15 a nonprofit organization in 2002 for the purpose of providing resources and programs that
16 encourage positive, transitional growth in Atlanta's youth; and
- 17 WHEREAS, inspired by the birth of their children, they later established the Leadership
18 Academy of RCF which focuses on academic development and life skills, taking a hands-on
19 approach guiding students from high school through college as they encounter some of life's
20 most basic day-to-day challenges; and

21 WHEREAS, the Leadership Academy's life-changing curriculum focuses on seven modules:
22 public speaking, college preparation, responsible citizenship, self expression and self
23 realization, financial literacy, leadership 101, and etiquette; and

24 WHEREAS, the Ryan Cameron Foundation hosts an annual Thanksgiving Celebrity Bowling
25 Event, Youth Anti-Violence Contest and Forum, Youth Golf Clinic, Father Daughter Dance,
26 Youth Health Fair, and Holiday Giving Program, and invests 100 percent of event proceeds
27 toward supporting post-secondary education opportunities for young adults; and

28 WHEREAS, in the future, the Ryan Cameron Foundation plans to open satellite offices and
29 to expand the foundation to rural areas throughout the South and the rest of the country; and

30 WHEREAS, it is Ryan's wish that his children inherit the foundation, and continue to live
31 out his life's mission of encouraging healthy lifestyles, strengthening family bonds, and
32 giving back to the community.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize and commend Ryan Cameron.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ryan Cameron.