

Senate Resolution 920

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending George Edward Clinton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, George Edward Clinton was born on July 22, 1941, in Kannapolis, North
3 Carolina, and grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a teen, George formed a doo-wop group that would go on to merge with his
5 other band, Funkadelic, to form the musical collective known as Parliament-Funkadelic; and
- 6 WHEREAS, recording both as Parliament and Funkadelic during the 1970s, George Clinton
7 developed an influential and eclectic form of funk music that drew on science fiction,
8 outlandish fashion, psychedelic culture, and laid the foundation of the afrofuturism aesthetic
9 movement; and
- 10 WHEREAS, George revolutionized R&B during the 1970s, twisting soul music into funk by
11 adding influences from heroes of the late 1960s, including Jimi Hendrix, Frank Zappa, and
12 Sly Stone; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Parliament-Funkadelic machine ruled black music during the 1970s,
14 capturing more than 40 R&B hit singles, including three number ones, and recording three
15 platinum albums; and
- 16 WHEREAS, George launched a solo career in 1981 and would go on to influence 1990s rap
17 and G-funk; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has been awarded a Grammy, a Dove award for Gospel music, an MTV
19 Music Video Award, and has been recognized by BMI, the NAACP Image Awards, and the
20 Motown Alumni Association for lifetime achievement; and because of his many
21 accomplishments, the renowned Berklee College of Music granted him an honorary doctorate
22 of music; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1997, George Clinton, alongside 15 other members of
24 Parliament-Funkadelic, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

25 WHEREAS, George currently resides in Tallahassee, Florida, and his boundless creative
26 energy continues to inspire him to go on tour, make music, and create art; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 pillar of funk music be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend George Edward Clinton for his unforgettable contributions to
31 popular music and for his unparalleled artistic brilliance.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to George Edward
34 Clinton.