

Senate Resolution 69

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Clifford Joseph "T.I." Harris, Jr., on his outstanding public
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clifford Joseph "T.I." Harris, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
5 to the welfare of others; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his donations to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, his work with
9 troubled youth at Paulding Detention Center in Atlanta, and his work to revitalize the Center
10 Hill neighborhood through his real estate venture, Buy Back the Block, which will transform
11 many buildings in the area into mixed-use housing and involve the development of a movie
12 theater, bowling alley, and laser tag arena; and

13 WHEREAS, T.I. is a Grammy award-winning rapper, actor, entrepreneur, and activist who
14 is the founder of Harris Community Works (HCW), a nonprofit organization that works to
15 empower and elevate the community through education, awareness, and opportunity, and the
16 co-founder of For The Love Of Our Fathers, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to
17 improving the quality of care of individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and related
18 dementia and to encouraging organizations throughout the country to speak as one voice to
19 advocate for optimal care and enhance local support services; and

20 WHEREAS, his scholarships for single parent families at Boys and Girls Clubs, his time
21 spent speaking with middle and high school students to provide them with a positive message
22 and philanthropic view about morals and growing up in tough areas, his involvement with
23 Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, his assistance in holding the largest voter registration drive
24 in Georgia in 2018, and his sponsorship of senior citizens in need at the Adamsville

25 Recreation Center through his Turkey Give Away provide further testimony to his dedication
26 to improving his community and the well-being of others; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to his community service, T.I. is united in love and marriage to his
28 wife, Tameka "Tiny" Cottle, a member of the musical group Xscape who has been crucial
29 in many of his public service endeavors, and they are blessed with seven remarkable
30 children; and

31 WHEREAS, for the past two decades, T.I. has transformed his community and positively
32 impacted the lives of many Georgians and is a fine example of the Georgia spirit; and

33 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
34 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and his vision and unyielding
35 commitment have set the standard for public service; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
37 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 recognize and commend Clifford Joseph "T.I." Harris, Jr., for his efficient, effective,
40 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
41 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Clifford Joseph
44 "T.I." Harris, Jr.