

## 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.