

Senate Resolution 281

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Amir Jamal Touré for his dedication to preserving and sharing African history
2 and culture; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Amir is the beloved son of the late Claude Lee, Jr., and Evelyn M. Lee and a
4 native of Savannah and Hilton Head Island; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a cum laude graduate of Savannah State University with dual degrees, and
6 he earned his Juris Doctorate from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University
7 in Macon, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Amir is often called the "People's Historian"; he is the resident scholar for
9 Geechee Kunda Cultural Center and Museum in Riceboro, Georgia, and is known as a Djeli,
10 a cultural historian, who shares the history of African people at home and in the diaspora;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Amir is the founder of Day Clean: The African Soul and Day Clean Journeys,
13 and he puts emphasis on African history, culture, and empowerment; and

14 WHEREAS, he has shared the history of African culture in international performances and
15 has performed in front of the Prime Minister of Haiti, the Liberian Ambassador to the United
16 States, the Mayor of Savannah, Danny Glover, and the director of the Gambian National
17 Museum; and

18 WHEREAS, Amir has written the Black History Month Moments for local NBC affiliates
19 since 2010 and has provided information on African history and culture for the BBC,
20 national and international print media, and local television networks; and

21 WHEREAS, he was appointed by the United States Department of the Interior as a
22 Commissioner of the Gullah Geechee Culture Heritage Corridor Commission; Amir is
23 currently a professor at Savannah State University in the Africana Studies Program; and

24 WHEREAS, Amir has received numerous awards for his work, including the 2004 William
25 K. Broker Citizen Award, the 2009 Spirit of Excellence Entrepreneur of the Year, the 2015
26 Chatham County Juneteenth Award, 2015 Kuumba Honoree, and 2016 City of Savannah
27 Black Heritage Festival Honoree.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Amir Jamal Touré for his dedication to preserving and sharing his love for African
30 culture and history with his community.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Amir Jamal Touré.