

## Senate Resolution 806

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Parent of the 42nd, Mullis of the 53rd, James of the 35th and Gooch of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Johntá Austin for his contributions to the music industry and the economic  
2 prosperity of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Johntá Austin, a native of southwest Atlanta, Georgia, has won two Grammy  
4 awards and is signed to So So Def Recordings; and

5 WHEREAS, as a child, Johntá sang in church and aspired to be an actor, eventually reaching  
6 households across the United States through cable television as a preteen newscaster on TBS  
7 and CNN; and

8 WHEREAS, the career of this singer, songwriter, arranger, producer, vocalist, and rapper  
9 began with writing songs for Mona Lisa, Coolio, 702, SWV, Tyrese, and Dave Hollister; his  
10 first hit, a ballad titled "Sweet Lady," peaked at number nine on *Billboard's* R&B/Hip-Hop  
11 chart; and

12 WHEREAS, Johntá is best known for the hits he wrote for Aaliyah, Monica, Mariah Carey,  
13 Mary J. Blige, and Chris Brown; he has also produced and was featured on songs by Bow  
14 Wow and Jermaine Dupri; and

15 WHEREAS, on June 25, 2010, at the ASCAP 23rd Annual Rhythm & Soul Music Awards,  
16 Johntá received the prestigious Song of the Decade award for his work on "We Belong  
17 Together" by Mariah Carey; he has also broken into acting as a character on the Fox show  
18 *Star* (2016); and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize Johntá Austin for his superb  
20 artistic accomplishments.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend Johntá Austin for his outstanding contributions to the music industry and the  
23 economic prosperity of Georgia and extend best wishes for future success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Johntá Austin.