

## Senate Resolution 859

By: Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Harper of the 7th, Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Lecrae Devaughn Moore, simply known as Lecrae; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lecrae is an American Christian hip-hop recording artist, songwriter, record  
3 producer, and actor; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is the president, co-owner, and co-founder of the independent record label  
5 Reach Records, and, to date, he has released nine studio albums and three mixtapes as a solo  
6 artist and has released three studio albums, a remix album, one EP, and numerous singles as  
7 the leader of the hip-hop group 116 Clique; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lecrae's debut recording, "Real Talk," was released in 2004 through Reach  
9 Records; his third solo album, "Rebel," released in 2008, became the first Christian hip-hop  
10 album to reach No. 1 on the *Billboard*-Gospel chart; he began attracting mainstream attention  
11 when he performed at the 2011 BET Hip-Hop Awards Cypher and appeared on the Statik  
12 Selektah song "Live & Let Live" from Population Control; and
- 13 WHEREAS, on May 10, 2012, Lecrae released his first mixtape, "Church Clothes," which  
14 was hosted by DJ Don Cannon; the mixtape was downloaded over 100,000 times in less than  
15 48 hours; his sixth studio album, "Gravity," came out on September 4, 2012, and has been  
16 called the most important album in Christian hip-hop history by *Rapzilla* and *Atlanta Daily*  
17 *World*; the album debuted as the best-selling album overall in the iTunes Store, was No. 3  
18 on the *Billboard* 200, and won the award for Best Gospel Album at the 2013 Grammy  
19 Awards, marking the first time that a hip-hop artist received this award; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Lecrae received nominations for Artist of the Year at the 43rd, 44th, 45th, and  
21 46th GMA Dove Awards, the last of which he won, and for Best Gospel Artist at the 2013  
22 and 2015 BET Awards, the latter of which he won, a first for a rap artist; and

23 WHEREAS, he has advocated for the preservation of responsibility and fatherhood as a value  
24 among men in the United States and in 2013 partnered with Dwyane Wade and Joshua  
25 DuBois in the multimedia initiative *This Is Fatherhood* as part of the Obama administration's  
26 Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend Lecrae Devaughn Moore for his success in inspiring people through rap music and  
29 for his promotion of the values and responsibilities of fatherhood.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lecrae Devaughn  
32 Moore.