

Senate Resolution 686

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Esteves of the 6th, Jackson of the 41st,
Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the first anniversary of Black Art In America in East Point, Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, June 2023 marked a significant milestone as the art gallery Black Art In
4 America (BAIA) celebrates its first anniversary in the vibrant city of East Point; and

5 WHEREAS, while the gallery commemorates one year of operation in East Point, it is
6 important to acknowledge that the organization's work and mission have a rich history
7 spanning more than a decade, rooted in the vision of Atlanta-based contemporary visual artist
8 Najee Dorsey; and

9 WHEREAS, BAIA was founded with the noble mission to utilize art as a powerful medium
10 for expressing and exploring diverse identities, histories, and cultures and has been at the
11 forefront of elevating Black visual culture since its inception in 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, originally established as an online program showcasing the works of artists and
13 collectors from all corners of the country, BAIA demonstrated its deep commitment to its
14 mission in 2020 by purchasing a property to establish its headquarters, which opened its
15 doors on the historic Juneteenth date in 2022; and

16 WHEREAS, Black Art in America has seamlessly integrated itself into Atlanta's art
17 landscape, offering a dynamic space for celebrating and showcasing the richness of black
18 visual culture while fostering creativity, dialogue, and appreciation for art that reflects
19 diverse identities.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 join in celebrating the first anniversary of Black Art In America's presence in East Point,
22 Georgia, recognizing its significant contributions to the artistic and cultural landscape of our
23 city and beyond.

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 Black Art In
26 America.