

Senate Resolution 305

By: Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Mallow of the 2nd, Williams of the 25th and Hatchett of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Prince Hall Freemasonry and the Most Worshipful Prince
2 Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Prince Hall Freemasonry, founded in 1784, in Boston, Massachusetts, has a
4 long and distinguished history of promoting leadership, education, community service, and
5 social justice, serving as a pillar of strength and upliftment within African American
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia was formed on June
8 24, 1870, in the City of Savannah, Georgia, under the leadership of Grand Master James R.
9 Simms, along with three lodges, Eureka No. 1, Hilton No. 2, and Banneker No. 3; and

10 WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia, together with its 181
11 constituent lodges and over 5,000 members statewide, has awarded more than \$100,000 in
12 scholarships to deserving students over the past five years; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2024, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia collectively
14 dedicated over 20,000 hours to community service by collaborating with established

15 organizations and causes, feeding and clothing the less fortunate, and providing vital youth
16 mentoring services; and

17 WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia has upheld the
18 Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, contributing to the spiritual, moral, and
19 civic development of its members and the greater community; and

20 WHEREAS, for generations, Prince Hall Masons have demonstrated an unwavering
21 commitment to philanthropy, youth mentorship, scholarship programs, and public service,
22 including partnerships with local organizations to address issues of health, education, and
23 economic empowerment; and

24 WHEREAS, the contributions of Prince Hall Masons to the social fabric of Georgia reflect
25 the enduring legacy of Prince Hall himself, a visionary leader who sought equality, justice,
26 and unity in the face of adversity; and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and honor the invaluable impact of the Most Worshipful
28 Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia and its affiliated bodies, including the Order of the
29 Eastern Star and Masonic Youth Organizations, in shaping a brighter future for all citizens;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, a distinguished and vital organization
32 made up of our Sisters, has long provided a foundation of faith, service, and philanthropy,
33 working to support charitable causes, promote education, and enrich the lives of families
34 throughout our state; and

35 WHEREAS, the youth organization sponsored by the Georgia Prince Hall Masons, the
36 Knights of Pythagoras, provides young men with invaluable leadership, community service,
37 and character-building opportunities; and

38 WHEREAS, the Knights of Pythagoras has enriched the lives of many young men in
39 Georgia, instilling in them the principles of integrity, honor, and community service.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize and commend Prince Hall Freemasonry and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall
42 Grand Lodge of Georgia as well as extend best wishes for continued growth and success.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Most
45 Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia.