

Senate Resolution 361

By: Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jackson of the 41st, Mangham of the 55th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Angela Laverne Stone; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Angela Laverne Stone on March 1, 2025; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Angela Laverne Stone was born on December 18, 1961, in Columbia, South
5 Carolina, and from an early age, she displayed a deep passion for music, beginning her
6 journey as a Gospel singer at First Nazareth Baptist Church; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she was a pioneering force in the music industry, rising to prominence in the
8 late 1970s as a member of the hip-hop trio The Sequence and later achieving critical and
9 commercial success as a solo artist with multiple gold-certified albums and chart-topping
10 singles; and
- 11 WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious career, she contributed significantly to the evolution
12 of R&B and neo-soul, earning three Grammy Award nominations, two Soul Train Lady of
13 Soul Awards, and the Soul Music Icon Award at the Black Music Honors; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to her remarkable music career, she performed as an actress in
15 numerous films, television series, and stage productions, making her film debut in the 2002
16 comedy film *The Hot Chick* and her stage debut in 2003 in the role of Big Mama Morton in
17 the Broadway musical *Chicago*; and

18 WHEREAS, Angela Laverne Stone was a woman of profound artistic talent and boundless
19 generosity, inspiring generations with her music, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to
20 her craft; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and gifted individual, Angela Laverne Stone will long be
22 remembered for her groundbreaking contributions to music and entertainment and will be
23 deeply missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in honoring the life and memory of Angela Laverne Stone and express their deepest and
26 most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
29 Angela Laverne Stone.