

Senate Resolution 359

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 Recognizing Mr. Tyler Perry and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana;
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4 WHEREAS, in 1998, his first musical, *I Know I've Been Changed*, premiered at the famous
5 Fox Theatre in Atlanta; in 2005, his first feature film, *Diary Of A Mad Black Woman*,
6 debuted at number one; and in 2006, he released his first book, *Don't Make A Black Woman
7 Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries On Life And Love*, which
8 remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry's comedic talents delighted audiences worldwide with the
10 TBS series *House of Payne* and later with the series *Meet the Browns*, which were the highest
11 and second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he
12 currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2008, he revitalized Delta Airlines' former headquarters and opened a
14 200,000 square foot studio in Atlanta that employs hundreds of Georgians, and in 2015, Mr.
15 Perry bought 330 acres of the former military base, Fort McPherson, on which he will restore

16 and construct state-of-the-art facilities that will open the door for local business opportunities
17 and job creation in the motion picture and television industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry strongly supports our state and national communities through
19 charities such as Feeding America, Covenant House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, Project
20 Adventure, Perry Place, and his own foundation, the Tyler Perry Foundation, which
21 transforms tragedy into triumph by empowering economically disadvantaged youths, seniors,
22 and families to overcome adversity by achieving a better quality of life; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
24 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 92 from Interstate 20 to
27 Riverside Parkway in Douglas County is dedicated as the Perry Parkway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Perry Parkway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Tyler Perry and
32 to the Department of Transportation.