

## Senate Resolution 473

By: Senators Mangham of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd and Jones II of the 22nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Black Man Lab for its dedication to empowering Black men and enriching the  
2 community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Black Man Lab was founded by four Black fathers—Mawuli Davis, Jarrod  
4 Grant, Dana Watkins, and Melek Buford—along with their sons as a space to cultivate  
5 leadership, wisdom, and support young Black men in their development; and

6 WHEREAS, recognizing the critical need for mentorship, guidance, and intergenerational  
7 learning, these fathers established the Black Man Lab to ensure that young Black men had  
8 access to positive role models, knowledge, and community-driven empowerment; and

9 WHEREAS, the Black Man Lab has since grown into a transformative movement, bringing  
10 together Black men from all walks of life to engage in open dialogue, professional  
11 development, and culturally enriching learning experiences; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of the Black Man Lab is to provide a safe space for Black men to  
13 develop authentic manhood, fostering personal growth, community leadership, and a  
14 commitment to excellence; and

15 WHEREAS, the vision of the Black Man Lab is to empower and inspire Black men to  
16 positively transform the world, embracing their roles as warriors, healers, and builders within  
17 their families and communities; and

18 WHEREAS, the Black Man Lab has consistently offered one of the largest weekly gatherings  
19 focused on encouraging Black men in the country; and

20 WHEREAS, the Black Man Lab's dedication to fostering authentic manhood, mentorship,  
21 and community leadership has had a profound and positive impact, shaping the lives of  
22 countless Black men and strengthening families and communities across the state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 honor the Black Man Lab for its outstanding contributions to the empowerment and  
25 enrichment of Black men, its dedication to fostering intergenerational wisdom, and its role  
26 in inspiring positive transformation.

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 Black Man  
29 Lab.