

## House Resolution 805

By: Representatives Willis of the 55<sup>th</sup> and Bell of the 75<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ray Murray; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ray Murray is a founding member of the Grammy Award-winning production  
3 group Organized Noize whose work has been pivotal in establishing Southern hip-hop as a  
4 dominant force in the music industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Organized Noize has been the creative genius behind iconic tracks like every  
6 song on Outkast's *Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik*, all the tracks on Goodie Mob's *Soul*  
7 *Food*, TLC's "Waterfalls," En Vogue's "Don't Let Go," and many other timeless hits, with  
8 their distinct sound deeply rooted in the cultural spirit of Georgia's "Red Clay"; and

9 WHEREAS, Ray is a proud resident of Fulton County, having grown up in the West End and  
10 later moving from Sylvan Hills to East Point in 1987, where he met Sleepy Brown and the  
11 late Rico Wade, and together they formed the legendary trio that has shaped the landscape  
12 of hip-hop; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray is now celebrating the 25th anniversary of his major contributions to  
14 Outkast's groundbreaking album *Stankonia*, an album that changed the course of music  
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, Ray continues to be a passionate advocate for the development of musical  
17 education and the arts, actively supporting youth programs like the Joseph B. Whitehead's  
18 Boys & Girls Club to nurture the next generation of creative talent.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Ray Murray for his monumental influence  
21 on the music industry, his exceptional work in shaping Southern hip-hop, and his ongoing  
22 dedication to supporting youth arts programs and education.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ray  
25 Murray.