

House Resolution 955

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring T.I. for his contributions to Bankhead, Atlanta, and global culture; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, T.I., born Clifford Joseph Harris Jr., has emerged as one of the most influential
4 and respected figures in hip-hop, music, and entertainment, contributing immeasurably to the
5 growth of Atlanta's music scene, the culture of Bankhead, and the global recognition of
6 Southern rap; and

7 WHEREAS, hailing from Bankhead, T.I. has used his platform to elevate and represent his
8 community, often serving as the voice of resilience, authenticity, and street knowledge,
9 bridging the gap between Atlanta's underground scene and mainstream success; and

10 WHEREAS, T.I. rose to prominence with his debut album *I'm Serious* in 2001, and solidified
11 his place as one of hip-hop's leading figures with the release of "Trap Muzik" (2003) and
12 subsequent albums, including "Urban Legend" (2004), "King" (2006), and "Paper Trail"
13 (2008), producing iconic tracks that shaped the sound of Southern rap; and

14 WHEREAS, T.I.'s "King of the South" moniker not only highlights his influence in hip-hop
15 but also reflects his impact on the broader culture, where he served as a trendsetter in fashion,

16 language, and entrepreneurship, playing a critical role in popularizing trap music and
17 Southern rap across the nation and globally; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his musical accomplishments, T.I. has become a prominent
19 businessman, philanthropist, and community leader—founding his label Grand Hustle
20 Records, signing groundbreaking artists, and promoting positive change through ventures
21 like his "I'm Me" foundation, which advocates for the youth and promotes education,
22 mentorship, and social justice; and

23 WHEREAS, T.I.'s advocacy extends beyond music, as he is a vocal leader on issues of
24 criminal justice reform, education, and economic empowerment, using his platform to engage
25 in public discourse and actively contribute to initiatives aimed at transforming his community
26 and improving the lives of those most vulnerable; and

27 WHEREAS, T.I. has been honored with numerous accolades, including Grammy Awards,
28 BET Hip Hop Awards, and recognition as one of the most influential artists of his generation,
29 maintaining his status as an icon in hip-hop culture and as a representative of Bankhead and
30 Atlanta on the global stage.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body honor T.I. for his outstanding contributions to the cultural, musical,
33 and social fabric of Bankhead, Atlanta, and the world, recognizing his dedication to uplifting
34 his community, shaping the future of Southern rap, and inspiring the next generation of
35 artists and leaders.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to T.I.