

## House Resolution 962

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring King B of On Deck Records and The Shop Boyz in Recognition of 404 Day and  
2 the Cultural Legacy of Bankhead; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the celebration of 404 Day honors the creative spirit, cultural innovation, and  
4 historical legacy of Atlanta—with special recognition to Bankhead, a community on the  
5 city’s Westside that has served as a foundational force in shaping Atlanta’s identity through  
6 music, art, and Black excellence; and

7 WHEREAS, King B, founder and CEO of On Deck Records, has been a visionary figure in  
8 the Atlanta music industry, playing a vital role in discovering, mentoring, and promoting  
9 local talent from Bankhead and beyond—creating opportunities for artists to elevate their  
10 voices and achieve national success while staying rooted in their community; and

11 WHEREAS, under King B’s leadership, On Deck Records became a symbol of  
12 independence, hustle, and self-determination—values deeply embedded in the spirit of  
13 Bankhead—and helped to position Atlanta as a creative capital for emerging artists and  
14 entrepreneurs; and

15 WHEREAS, among the breakout successes affiliated with this cultural movement is the rap  
16 group The Shop Boyz, known for their genre-blending, high-energy sound and massive 2007  
17 hit “Party Like a Rockstar,” which reached No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 and became one  
18 of the defining anthems of the decade; and

19 WHEREAS, The Shop Boyz, comprised of Demetrius "Meany" Hardin, Richard "Fat"  
20 Stevens, and Rasheed "Sheed" Hightower, brought national attention to Bankhead with their  
21 distinctive mix of hip-hop and rock influences, opening doors for creative experimentation  
22 in Southern rap and broadening the sonic range of Atlanta artists; and

23 WHEREAS, both King B and The Shop Boyz represent the Bankhead community with pride,  
24 innovation, and authenticity, contributing significantly to the neighborhood’s cultural  
25 narrative and reinforcing its position as a beacon of Black creativity and influence; and

26 WHEREAS, in celebration of 404 Day and Bankhead, it is fitting to recognize these cultural  
27 leaders and trailblazers for their impact on music, business, and the identity of Atlanta’s  
28 Westside.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body honor King B of On Deck Records and The Shop Boyz, Demetrius  
31 "Meany" Hardin, Richard "Fat" Stevens, and Rasheed "Sheed" Hightower, for their  
32 extraordinary contributions to Bankhead’s musical legacy and their celebrated role in the  
33 recognition of 404 Day.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to King  
36 B and The Shop Boyz.