

Senate Resolution 710

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Wicks of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rick Ross; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rick Ross, born William Leonard Roberts II, is a Grammy-nominated rapper,
3 empire builder, luxury tastemaker, community leader, and cultural powerhouse whose vision
4 has helped shape hip-hop's evolution over the last two decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Rick Ross exploded onto the scene in 2006 with his breakout hit "Hustlin,"
6 which went platinum, and later followed with several critically acclaimed albums including
7 *Port of Miami*, *Trilla*, *Deeper Than Rap*, *Teflon Don*, *God Forgives, I Don't*, and *Richer*
8 *Than I Ever Been*; and

9 WHEREAS, over the span of his career, Rick Ross earned ten Grammy nominations;
10 collaborated with prestigious artists including DJ Khaled, John Legend, The Weekend,
11 French Montana, Lil Wayne, Nas, and many others; and has consistently landed at the top
12 of Billboard charts, cementing his status as one of the most influential rappers of his time;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, outside of music, Rick Ross is a renowned international entrepreneur, working
15 with brands such as Luc Belaire, AutoZone, WingStop, Checkers, and Smiles by Mario

16 Montoya as well as founding the Rick Ross Car and Bike Show and Maybach Music Group
17 among many other successful business ventures; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a two-time *New York Times* best-selling author for his critically acclaimed
19 book *The Perfect Day to Boss Up: A Hustler's Guide to Building Your Empire* and his
20 memoir, *Hurricanes*; and

21 WHEREAS, from platinum records to real estate holdings, from food franchises to premium
22 brand partnerships, Rick Ross has built a sprawling empire rooted in hustle, excellence, and
23 vision and serves as a true example of Black entrepreneurship.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Rick Ross for his continued music, business, and cultural impacts
26 in the state of Georgia.

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 Rick Ross.