

## Senate Resolution 1013

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Orrock of the 36th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dallas Austin for his outstanding contributions to music,  
2 culture, and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dallas Austin, born December 29, 1970, in Columbus, Georgia, is a Grammy  
4 Award-winning producer, songwriter, and musician who has played a pivotal role in shaping  
5 the sound of modern R&B and pop music throughout the 1990s and 2000s; and

6 WHEREAS, he is the son of Claude and Willie Belle Austin and was raised in an  
7 environment rich in music and culture, frequently spending time at "The Party Club," a  
8 nightclub and restaurant owned by his parents, where he began playing instruments and  
9 DJing at the young age of seven; and

10 WHEREAS, he is the stepson of Jimmy "Chank" Nolen, the longtime guitarist for James  
11 Brown, whose influence helped inspire and guide his early musical development; and

12 WHEREAS, he attended Lake Shore High School in College Park and Benjamin Banneker  
13 High School in Atlanta, further grounding his roots in the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Austin co-founded Rowdy Records in 1992 alongside L.A. Reid,  
15 establishing a platform that contributed to the emergence and success of numerous influential  
16 artists; and

17 WHEREAS, he has produced and written for some of the most iconic artists in the world,  
18 including TLC, for whom he produced chart-topping hits such as "Creep" and "Unpretty,"  
19 as well as Boyz II Men, producing their breakout single "Motownphilly" and contributing  
20 significantly to their acclaimed album *Cooleyhighharmony*; and

21 WHEREAS, his remarkable career includes collaborations with globally renowned artists  
22 such as Madonna, Pink, Gwen Stefani, Monica, Michael Jackson, and Rihanna,  
23 demonstrating his versatility and enduring impact across multiple genres of music; and

24 WHEREAS, his extraordinary talent and influence were further recognized with his  
25 induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2019, solidifying his legacy as one of the  
26 most important music creators of his generation; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to his musical achievements, he served as executive producer of the  
28 2002 film *Drumline*, a project inspired in part by his own life experiences, which highlighted  
29 the culture and excellence of historically Black college and university marching bands; and

30 WHEREAS, as a proud native of Columbus and a longtime resident of Atlanta, Dallas Austin  
31 has brought distinction and honor to the State of Georgia through his creativity, innovation,  
32 and global influence in the arts.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize and commend Dallas Austin for his extraordinary achievements and contributions  
35 to the music industry and for serving as an outstanding ambassador for the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dallas Austin.