

House Resolution 1929

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th, and Adeyina of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending New Edition for their outstanding contributions to music and
2 entertainment and for their cultural and industry impact connected to the State of Georgia;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, New Edition is one of the most iconic and influential R&B groups in American
5 music history, originating from Boston, Massachusetts, and rising to national prominence in
6 the early 1980s; and

7 WHEREAS, the group—composed of members Ralph Tresvant, Bobby Brown, Michael
8 Bivins, Ronnie DeVoe, Ricky Bell, and Johnny Gill—has achieved extraordinary success
9 both collectively and through its members' individual careers; and

10 WHEREAS, New Edition has captivated audiences around the world with timeless hits such
11 as "Candy Girl," "Cool It Now," and "Can You Stand the Rain," helping to shape the sound
12 and style of contemporary R&B and pop music; and

13 WHEREAS, the group's legacy is deeply connected to the State of Georgia, particularly
14 Atlanta, which serves as a global hub for music, film, and creative industries; and

15 WHEREAS, members of New Edition have maintained strong ties to Georgia, with Ronnie
16 DeVoe and Shamari DeVoe residing in the Atlanta metropolitan area and actively
17 contributing to the region's business, entertainment, and community development landscape;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, New Edition's story and cultural impact were further cemented through *The*
20 *New Edition Story*, which was filmed in and around Atlanta, showcasing Georgia's thriving
21 film industry and reinforcing the state's position as a premier destination for major television
22 and film productions; and

23 WHEREAS, their influence extends beyond music into entrepreneurship, mentorship, and
24 the cultivation of future talent, aligning with Georgia's continued investment in the creative
25 economy and workforce development within the entertainment sector; and

26 WHEREAS, New Edition has demonstrated longevity, resilience, and excellence over
27 decades, maintaining cultural relevance while evolving with the times and continuing to
28 perform for global audiences; and

29 WHEREAS, their contributions have elevated the music industry while representing
30 excellence in Black artistry, entrepreneurship, and cultural expression on a national and
31 international stage, including within Georgia's vibrant creative community; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary achievements and
33 enduring legacy of New Edition be appropriately honored.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend New Edition for their groundbreaking

36 contributions to music and entertainment and for their meaningful connection to the State of
37 Georgia's dynamic music, film, and cultural industries.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to New
40 Edition.