

House Resolution 1959

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Crawford of the 89th, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd, and Olaleye of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the cultural legacy and contributions of Field Mob; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Shawn Jay and Smoke, collectively known as Field Mob, are proud natives of
4 Albany, Georgia, who have emerged as pioneering voices representing South Georgia and
5 rural Georgia communities on a national stage; and

6 WHEREAS, during a time when few artists from rural South Georgia had access to
7 mainstream platforms, Field Mob broke barriers and created a pathway for future generations
8 of artists from underserved and overlooked communities across South Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, through their music, including culturally impactful works such as "Georgia"
10 featuring Ludacris, Field Mob uplifted the identity, struggles, and resilience of people
11 throughout rural South Georgia, providing authentic representation of Southern life, culture,
12 and lived experience; and

13 WHEREAS, their success in the late 1990s and early 2000s brought national recognition not
14 only to Albany but also to rural Georgia communities collectively, establishing them as
15 cultural ambassadors for regions often excluded from mainstream visibility; and

16 WHEREAS, it is important to honor living legends and cultural contributors while they are
17 still able to receive their flowers, particularly as Shawn Jay courageously faces a serious
18 health battle with stage four cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and necessary to acknowledge the enduring impact, artistic
20 excellence, and cultural legacy of Field Mob, whose voices helped shape the sound and story
21 of Georgia as a whole.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and honor the lasting contributions of Shawn Jay and
24 Smoke as well as their roles as pioneers, cultural leaders, and representatives of South
25 Georgia and rural Georgia communities.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Shawn
28 Jay and Smoke.