

Senate Resolution 1081

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Kemp of the 38th, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and Orrock of the 36th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Micaiah Raheem; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Micaiah Raheem, also known as Raheem the Dream, is a Georgia-based artist  
3 who has carved his own lane in music with authenticity, determination, and unmistakable  
4 Southern energy, blending raw street perspective with melodic instincts and confident  
5 storytelling; and

6 WHEREAS, rooted in Atlanta's rich and influential hip-hop culture, his music balances  
7 hard-hitting beats with introspective moments that reflect perseverance, resilience, and  
8 ambition born from real-life experiences, while offering motivational anthems and personal  
9 reflections that resonate with audiences across generations; and

10 WHEREAS, Micaiah Raheem began his musical journey while attending high school in  
11 Atlanta, where he performed as an MC at talent shows and earned the nickname "The  
12 Dream" from his classmates, a name that would become synonymous with his artistic identity  
13 and musical career; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1986, he recorded his first track on Arvis Records, marking the beginning  
15 of a groundbreaking path in Southern hip-hop, and on August 3, 1986, he became Atlanta's

16 first rap artist to receive regular radio rotation in the Atlanta market when his music was  
17 placed in rotation by Mitch Faulkner, program director of Kiss 104 FM, opening doors for  
18 generations of artists to follow; and

19 WHEREAS, by the early 1990s, Raheem the Dream's music had become a defining  
20 soundtrack of Atlanta's emerging hip-hop scene, receiving national airplay for the single  
21 "The Most Beautiful Girl" and contributing to the cultural energy surrounding Atlanta's  
22 world-famous Freaknik festival, a landmark cultural event that helped shape the city's  
23 reputation as a center of music, culture, and creativity; and

24 WHEREAS, in recognition of his groundbreaking contributions to music and culture, the  
25 Atlanta City Council honored Raheem the Dream in 2016 by proclaiming "Raheem the  
26 Dream Day" and then-Mayor Kasim Reed presented him with the Phoenix Award, the  
27 highest honor bestowed by the Mayor's Office, for his outstanding contributions and  
28 pioneering role in laying the foundation of Atlanta hip-hop; and

29 WHEREAS, more than an artist, Raheem the Dream represents a mindset of turning pressure  
30 into progress and dreams into direction, continuing to inspire audiences through consistency,  
31 evolution, and an unwavering work ethic while proudly representing the City of Atlanta and  
32 the State of Georgia.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 commend Micaiah Raheem, also known as Raheem the Dream, for his pioneering role in the  
35 development of Atlanta's hip-hop culture and extend their sincere best wishes for continued  
36 success and influence in the years ahead.

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