

House Resolution 1086

By: Representatives Thomas of the 39th, Jackson of the 64th, Smyre of the 135th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jonathan "Lil Jon" Smith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jonathan Smith began his career by adopting the stage name Lil Jon and then
3 forming the musical group Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz with rappers Big Sam and Lil Bo;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Atlanta-based record company Mirror Image Records signed the group and
6 their album was distributed by Ichiban Records; and

7 WHEREAS, Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz singles included 'Who U Wit?' and 'Shawty Freak
8 a Lil' Sumthin"; and

9 WHEREAS, both singles were highly appreciated by their fans and also charted on the
10 Billboard Hot R&B/Hip-Hop songs at numbers 70 and 62, respectively; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2000, Lil Jon decided to start his own label called BME Recordings and
12 signed a distribution agreement with Southern Music Distribution in Norcross, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, he later teamed up with The East Side Boyz and signed with TVT Records
14 which released their album 'Put Yo Head Up'; and

15 WHEREAS, the group released their first single 'Get Low' in collaboration with fellow
16 Atlanta hip hop group Ying Yang Twins, which reached the top ten on the Hot 100 List and
17 was a huge hit in nightclubs nationwide; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to singing, Lil Jon has produced many urban hit singles and
19 produced hits for various artists such as the Ying Yang Twins, Usher, Petey Pablo, Young
20 Buck, Ice Cube, and Brooke Valentine; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2005, Lil Jon won a Grammy Award along with Usher and Ludacris in the
22 category of Best Rap/Sung Collaboration for the song "Yeah!"; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this extraordinary artist and his
24 accomplishments be recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Jonathan "Lil Jon" Smith and extend best
27 wishes for future success and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Jonathan "Lil Jon" Smith.