

House Resolution 323

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Roberts of the 52nd, Lim of the 99th, and Drenner of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Antron Reshaud Olukayode; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Antron Reshaud Olukayode on November 12, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, affectionately known as The ARTivist, he was an accomplished poet, author,
5 HIV/AIDS activist, blogger, self-taught multidisciplinary artist, vocalist, music producer, and
6 creative director of BOS+AROS; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after meeting his mentor, Craig Washington, Antron rose to success in the
8 world of spoken poetry and activism, drawing upon his experiences to create powerful
9 narratives; and
- 10 WHEREAS, eventually, he began to seriously pursue music, and it was through the
11 innumerable hours he devoted to crafting his music and art that he connected with people and
12 spread awareness about significant issues facing his beloved community; and

13 WHEREAS, partnering with multiple agencies to increase the reach of his voice, he served
14 as a representative for the CDC's Let's Stop HIV Together initiative and joined the world's
15 first LGBTQ exclusive talent agency, Meak Productions Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman gave inspiration to many through his high ideals,
17 morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possessed the vast wisdom which
18 only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through
19 overcoming the many challenges of life; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to remember the countless contributions and
24 artistic legacy of this distinguished Georgian.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Antron Reshaud
27 Olukayode and continue to express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the
30 family of Antron Reshaud Olukayode.