

House Resolution 870

By: Representatives Howard of the 124th, Prince of the 127th, and Nelson of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Robert "Flash" Gordon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robert "Flash" Gordon has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable
3 hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as
4 evidenced dramatically by his superlative service in the music industry of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Flash was born on December 28, 1938, in Augusta, Georgia, a beloved son of
6 Edwina and Robert Gordon; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Flash earned his nickname from his father, Robert, Sr., as there was another
8 teenager named Robert Jackson who lived nearby; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Lucy C. High School in 1956 and enrolled at Paine College
10 before attending and graduating from the New York School of Announcing and Speech to
11 pursue his dream of working in the entertainment field; and
- 12 WHEREAS, known as the "Golden Voice" for his great voice and his different personality,
13 Flash caught the attention of James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," who hired him to come
14 work at his station, WJBE, in Knoxville, Tennessee; six weeks later, Mr. Brown promoted
15 him to be the program director for all three of his radio stations, including WEBB in
16 Baltimore, WJBE in Knoxville, and WRDW in Augusta; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 1971, Flash opened his first music store, Flash's Big G Platter Shop, at 209
18 9th Street and was hired by Mercury/Polygram Records as Southeast Regional Promotional
19 Manager in 1974; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in 1976, his wife, Jephrey, opened Pyramid Music & More at 826 Broad Street
21 before opening a second location on Gordon Highway in 1987; and

22 WHEREAS, Flash produced a rap song for the artist known as 12 Gauge and received a Gold
23 Record; and

24 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Jephrey, and is blessed with five
25 remarkable daughters, Adrienne, Mona, Noura, Cheryl, and Pamela; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Robert "Flash" Gordon for his many
30 contributions to the music industry of Augusta and the State of Georgia and extend the most
31 sincere best wishes for continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Robert "Flash" Gordon.