

## Senate Resolution 167

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Lucas of the 26th, Sims of the 12th and Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Larry Blackmon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Larry Blackmon was the founder and front man of R&B funk band, Cameo, and  
3 as leader of that group achieved record sales in excess of 18 million along with an extensive  
4 line of hit recordings; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon is a music legend whose influence on R&B and urban music  
6 since his first album release in 1977 is indisputable; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon was a major contributor to opening up the metro Atlanta region  
8 as a music Mecca for the urban contemporary sound before the state capital became known  
9 as a music business city; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon has been recognized for his musical genius and has been  
11 awarded the American Music Award, two Soul Train Music Awards, a music video award,  
12 a Grammy nomination, platinum and gold albums, keys to cities, and a multitude of  
13 accolades; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon had the foresight to launch and build the Atlanta Artist Records  
15 conglomerate and a professional infrastructure that included Atlanta Artist Productions and  
16 Atlanta Artist Management; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon has served as and been recognized for his tireless commitment  
18 as a mentor, elder, philanthropist, community leader, businessman, father, and leader for  
19 more than three prosperous decades as he developed and honed the unique Cameo signature  
20 sound with assonances that have been repeatedly copied, imitated, sampled, covered,  
21 reproduced, and replayed throughout the world in films, television, commercials, and  
22 performances; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackmon founded Seven Records, Inc., and chose Atlanta to host his own  
24 radio show on Kiss 104.1 FM; and

25 WHEREAS, as a writer, producer, video director, drummer, dancer, lead singer, and  
26 executive producer, Mr. Blackmon distinguished himself by producing for other  
27 chart-topping artists, including Chaka Kahn, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bobby Brown, and  
28 Eddie Murphy; and

29 WHEREAS, as a musician, composer, lyricist, and producer, Mr. Blackmon has headed  
30 projects and collaborated with Miles Davis, Cyndi Lauper, Miki Howard, and Maceo Parker,  
31 among others.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 honor and commend Larry Blackmon for his accomplishments and service to the people of  
34 Georgia and our nation during Black History Month 2019.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Larry Blackmon.