

## Senate Resolution 506

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th and James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Ryan Cameron Foundation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Ryan Cameron Foundation (RCF) is dedicated to providing resources and  
3 programs to successfully transition youth from childhood to adulthood, and RCF recruits  
4 high school students in the metropolitan Atlanta area to gain access to extraordinary  
5 opportunities in academic, leadership, and career development; and

6 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the pre-collegiate program, RCF provides leadership  
7 training, community engagement for healthy lifestyles, teen driver education, and  
8 volunteerism; and

9 WHEREAS, it hosts several annual programs that are designed to serve, educate, and inspire  
10 the community, and it is a youth service organization focused on positive growth; and

11 WHEREAS, founded in 2002, the Ryan Cameron Foundation was established to provide  
12 Atlanta's youth with the tools needed to empower them for their future leadership roles; and

13 WHEREAS, it has several annual programs throughout the year, including the Healthy  
14 Lifestyle Initiative, Anti-Violence Initiative, Father Daughter Dance, Leadership Academy,  
15 Youth Golf Clinic, Family Fun Night, Environmental Sustainability Initiative, and Holiday  
16 Giving, and through its annual programming and initiatives, RCF is able to reach more than  
17 50,000 people a year; and

18 WHEREAS, it has awarded more than \$70,000.00 in scholarships to graduating metropolitan  
19 Atlanta seniors through its Leadership Academy, and the Annual Youth Health Fair has  
20 screened and provided one year's worth of free medical and dental services to more than  
21 4,100 children and youth and their families; and

22 WHEREAS, its Youth Anti-Violence Forum has welcomed more than 1,200 youth and  
23 parents for a full day of awareness, education, and discussion; and

24 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Youth Golf Clinic has exposed more than 400 youth to  
25 the game of golf for the first time and provided them with golf clubs so they can continue to  
26 hone their skills, and more than 7,800 fathers and daughters have created memories for a  
27 lifetime at the Annual Father Daughter Dance since its inception.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend the Ryan Cameron Foundation for its great work in strengthening this state's  
30 communities and for helping youth transition to adulthood.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Ryan Cameron  
33 Foundation.