

Senate Resolution 556

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Health Care Music & Gospel Festival on the grand  
2 occasion of its 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2015 Atlanta Health Care Music & Gospel Festival will be held at the  
4 Atlanta Convention Center-Americas Mart on July 24 and 25 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, this two-day health care extravaganza is designed for businesses, families, and  
6 the entire community; it promises to elevate your spirit while educating your mind, body, and  
7 soul by providing an array of dynamic music concerts, health care workshops and training,  
8 youth activities, as well as financial and literary empowerment workshops; and

9 WHEREAS, the festival wishes to share its initiatives that will bring about a social change  
10 to combat obesity, diabetes, and heart disease in the African American community with  
11 partners such as United Health Care, the American Diabetes Association, the Georgia  
12 Hispanic Health Coalition, Fulton County Aging & Youth Services, and more; and

13 WHEREAS, featured artists and honorees include many Grammy award winning artists such  
14 as Jody Watley, to receive the Women of Excellence Iconic Music Award; TANK, to receive  
15 the Men of Excellence R&B Soul Award, Hispanic Christian artist SALVADORE, to receive  
16 the Men of Excellence Male Group Award; and with a special award invitation and  
17 recognition, Ms. Patti LaBelle, to receive the Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement  
18 Award; and

19 WHEREAS, the festivities include a "Moving Forward" Youth Summit, a "Back to the  
20 Basics" Choir Symposium, women's empowerment workshops, financial literacy seminars,  
21 and a black tie award dinner gala concert; and

22 WHEREAS, this festival is produced and facilitated by the Leading Women's Repertory  
23 Theatre, a 501c tax-exempt organization under the direction of Dr. Riki Brooks, CEO and

24 administrator for the Atlanta Health Care Music & Gospel Festival for the past nine years,  
25 with recognition from the Governor and the City of Atlanta.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize and commend the Atlanta Health Care Music & Gospel Festival on the grand  
28 occasion of its 10th anniversary.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Riki Brooks.