

Senate Resolution 870

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Lucas of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of African American music to global culture and encouraging
2 the people of Georgia to celebrate African American music; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, the third annual Black Music History Month celebration and
4 induction ceremony will be held in Columbus, Georgia, and hosted by Georgia State Senator
5 Ed Harbison; and

6 WHEREAS, artists, songwriters, producers, engineers, educators, executives, and other
7 professionals in the music industry provide inspiration and leadership through their creation
8 of music, dissemination of educational information, and financial contributions to charitable
9 and community-based organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, African American music, indigenous to the United States, originates from
11 African genres of music; and

12 WHEREAS, African American genres of music such as Gospel, blues, jazz, rhythm and
13 blues, rap, and hip-hop have their roots in the African American experience; and

14 WHEREAS, African American music has had a pervasive influence on dance, fashion,
15 language, art, literature, cinema, media, advertisements, and other aspects of culture; and

16 WHEREAS, the prominence of African American music in the 21st century has reawakened
17 interest in the legacy and heritage of the art form; and

18 WHEREAS, African American music embodies the strong presence of and significant
19 contributions made by African Americans in the music industry and society as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, the multi-billion-dollar African American music industry contributes greatly
21 to the domestic and worldwide economy, and African American music has a positive impact
22 on and broad appeal to diverse groups both nationally and internationally; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1979, President Jimmy Carter recognized June as African American Music
24 Month, and President Bill Clinton subsequently recognized June as African American Music
25 Month.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the importance of the contributions of African American music to global culture
28 and the positive impact of African American music on global commerce as well as encourage
29 the people of Georgia to take the opportunity to study, reflect on, and celebrate African
30 American music.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
33 press.