

House Resolution 1105

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Trammell of the 132nd, Bentley of the 139th, Rakestraw of the 19th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Christopher and Kyle Massey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Christopher and Kyle Massey, age 26 and 24, respectively, have a successful
3 career spanning over 23 years in television, music, animation, theater, production, and
4 philanthropy; and
- 5 WHEREAS, they have made television history by being the first siblings, as well as the first
6 African Americans, to simultaneously be nominated for an Emmy in the same category for
7 outstanding children's programming for Kyle's role as Cory Baxter, the pesky, money loving
8 brother to Raven-Symone on Disney Channel's *That's So Raven*, and for Christopher's role
9 as Michael Barrett, best friend of Jamie-Lynn Spears in Nickelodeon's *Zoey 101*, a show that
10 has been on air since its original premier date in 2005; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Kyle was also the first African American male to have a spin-off show, *Cory*
12 *in the House*, on the Disney Channel, which premiered at 7.6 million views, and Christopher
13 was the only African American on *Zoey 101*; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Christopher and Kyle both have a very diverse resume, having written,
15 produced, and performed for a live television broadcast an original musical tribute to Dr.
16 Martin Luther King, Jr., in 2011 and having had the honor of presenting Congressman John
17 Lewis with an award for all of his contributions as a civil rights leader; and
- 18 WHEREAS, they both dedicate themselves to philanthropy with Starkey Hearing Foundation
19 as world-wide ambassadors to giving the gift of hearing in underdeveloped countries such
20 as Vietnam, Mauritius, Madagascar, Nairobi, Kenya and Peru, to name a few, and they are
21 both ambassadors for Listen Carefully, a national campaign to educate elementary and
22 middle school kids on how to prevent hearing loss; and

23 WHEREAS, locally, Christopher and Kyle are long-time supporters of Christian Care
24 Center, an organization that provides free high quality care to terminally ill patients and
25 special needs children, in Union City, Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, Christopher and Kyle represent a minute percentage of child stars who have
27 gracefully transitioned into adulthood in an extraordinary way, with a monumental impact
28 on the world through charity and philanthropy; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
30 remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Christopher and Kyle Massey for their effective and
33 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Christopher and Kyle Massey.