

Senate Resolution 129

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Karinshak of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Grady Thomas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Grady Thomas was born on January 5, 1941, in Newark, New Jersey; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Grady was inspired to play music from an early age by his father, who played
4 the saxophone; his mother, a vocalist; and the radio station he listened to in New Jersey; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Grady Thomas began his musical career in the late 1950s as a member of The
6 Parliaments, a doo-wop barbershop quartet under the leadership of George Clinton, which
7 would go on to become the band Funkadelic, and later Parliament Funkadelic, which was
8 inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1997; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1977, Grady, along with original Parliaments, Fuzzy Haskins and Calvin
10 Simon, left Parliament Funkadelic after financial and management disputes with bandleader
11 George Clinton; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Grady went on to form Original P with original Parliaments members Ray
13 Davis, Fuzzy Haskins, and Calvin Simon; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
15 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
17 extraordinary musical artist be appropriately recognized.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize and commend Grady Thomas for his magnificent contributions to culture,
20 entertainment, and the music industry.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Grady Thomas.