

Senate Resolution 457

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lady Tramaine Hawkins upon winning the Allstate Gospel
2 Superfest's Lifetime Achievement Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Tramaine Hawkins was born in San Francisco, California, a beloved daughter
4 of the late Lois "Lois the Pie Queen" Davis; and

5 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Lady Tramaine grew up in the Ephesian
6 Church of God in Christ, in Berkeley, California, pastored by her grandfather, the late Bishop
7 E.E. Cleveland; and

8 WHEREAS, while in high school, Lady Tramaine and her friends Mary McCreary, Elva
9 Mouton, and Vet Stone formed a gospel group called The Heavenly Tones, which performed
10 at various venues around the Oakland and San Francisco areas before becoming Little Sister,
11 Sly & the Family Stone's background vocalists for their recording; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1969, she joined the Edwin Hawkins Singers and was a part of the Gospel
13 Music Revolution hit single "Oh Happy Day," the first million-selling gospel single to top
14 the pop record charts; and

15 WHEREAS, Lady Tramaine later joined Andrea Crouch and the Disciples, singing lead
16 vocals on the Grammy nominated single "Christian People," and she was briefly a member
17 of the 1970s soul female singing group Honey Cone; and

18 WHEREAS, she has recorded at least nine solo albums, such as her 1979 self-titled debut
19 and its 1983 follow-up *Determined*, and her single "Fall Down (Spirit of Love)," which was
20 the first gospel song to reach the number one spot on the dance charts; and

21 WHEREAS, Lady Tramaine was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1999, and
22 has won numerous awards, including two Grammy awards, two Dove Awards, the James

23 Cleveland Lifetime Achievement Award, two Stellar Awards, and two Communications
24 Excellence to Black Audiences (CEBA) Awards; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of her dedication to gospel music, she is the recipient of the
26 Allstate Gospel Superfest's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkably talented woman are appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend Lady Tramaine Hawkins for her superb musical career and extend
31 to her their most sincere best wishes for future success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lady Tramaine Hawkins.