

Senate Resolution 546

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mahogany Bowers for her service to the Savannah community; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mahogany Bowers, who was born in Savannah, Georgia, is a successful visual
4 arts performer who has taught dance since 1998, performed with the world-renowned
5 Sankofa Dance Theater for more than 15 years, and traveled to Ghana, West Africa, in order
6 to perform in the PANA-FEST festival where she taught American-style dance to school
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, she earned degrees in Marketing Management and Business Management from
9 Savannah Technical College, a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications at HBCU
10 Savannah State University, and graduated with honors in Dance Theater from Savannah Arts
11 Academy; and

12 WHEREAS, Mahogany Bowers, who is also known as Lady Mahogany, has received rave
13 reviews in the *New York Times* and has worked with many famous artists, including Steven
14 Devines, Beyonce Knowles, Jermaine Dupree, Missy Elliot, and Juvenile; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a successful model who began modeling with the Ford Modeling Agency
16 and has worked with top designers such as Calvin Klein and Christian Dior; and

17 WHEREAS, she teaches multiple styles of dance at the Savannah College of Art and Design
18 and hosts a radio show, "Midday Diva the Lady Mahogany"; and

19 WHEREAS, Mahogany serves her community through her work at local runaway shelters,
20 homeless shelters, the Boys & Girls Club, the West Broad YMCA, AWOL, and schools
21 throughout Chatham County; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2011, Mahogany Bowers started a program called Blessings in a Book Bag,
23 which strives to close the hunger gap in the Savannah community and feed children so that
24 they will perform better in school; and

25 WHEREAS, she has initiated several annual events that raise money for Blessings in a Book
26 Bag, including the Back to School Bash, Blessings on Broughton at 24E, the Daddy Doo
27 Contest, the Father and Daughter Dance, Martinis at the Mansion on Forsyth, MLK 5K &
28 Music Festival, and the Food Day Festival; and

29 WHEREAS, she initiated the annual Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds Extravaganza, which
30 is an informational health fair and field day that seeks to help people register for affordable
31 health care and raise awareness amongst the inner city community on the importance of
32 creating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle; and

33 WHEREAS, Mahogany Bowers has experienced vast success and strives to serve her
34 community and help others succeed, and this dedicated performer and public servant is
35 well-deserving of the recognition of this body.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend Mahogany Bowers for her public service to the Savannah community.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mahogany
40 Bowers.