

Senate Resolution 731

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th and Rahman of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Michael Santiago Render "Killer Mike"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Michael Santiago Render "Killer Mike" has a long and consistent record of
3 service to the community and to this state and has been recognized as one of the most
4 dynamic and committed citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Michael Santiago Render (born April 20, 1975), better known by his stage name
6 Killer Mike, is a renowned American rapper, actor, and activist; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Killer Mike made his debut on Outkast's 2000 LP *Stankonia*, and later appeared
8 on their Grammy-winning single "The Whole World" from their greatest hits album *Big Boi
9 and Dre Present... Outkast* (2001); and
- 10 WHEREAS, in December 2008, Mike signed to fellow Atlanta-based rapper T.I.'s Grand
11 Hustle Records and released *R.A.P. Music*, produced entirely by American rapper and
12 producer El-P; and

13 WHEREAS, he has since released five full-length albums as a solo artist as well as founded
14 Grind Time Official Records, which he launched through SMC and Fontana Distribution;
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16 WHEREAS, Killer Mike and El-P subsequently formed the duo Run the Jewels in 2013; they
17 were signed to Fool's Gold Records and released their self-titled debut in June of that year;
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19 WHEREAS, Killer Mike is renowned as a social and political activist, focusing on subjects
20 including social inequality, police brutality, and systemic racism; and

21 WHEREAS, he has also delivered several lectures at colleges and universities, written about
22 social justice topics for publications such as *Billboard*, and been the subject of interviews
23 regarding police misconduct and race relations; and

24 WHEREAS, the documentary series *Trigger Warning with Killer Mike*, in which he explores
25 issues in the United States that affect the black community, premiered on Netflix in January
26 of 2019; and

27 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual has had a tremendous impact on his community
28 through his spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the Atlanta area; and

29 WHEREAS, this remarkable citizen has established a glowing reputation of renown
30 throughout Georgia for his dedication and high ideals; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this
34 body commend Michael Santiago Render "Killer Mike" and his commitment to social justice.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Michael Santiago
37 Render "Killer Mike".