

Senate Resolution 484

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ashton Henderson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ashton Henderson's tender concern for others and passionate devotion to his
3 country's well-being has earned him national recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, a letter from the 11 year old Fayette County student got the attention of a
5 prominent national magazine and perhaps even of President George W. Bush himself; and

6 WHEREAS, a sixth-grader at J. C. Booth Middle School in Peachtree City, Ashton sent the
7 letter to the National Journal after the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and
8 Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, in October, the National Journal, one of the leading information providers to
10 the Congress, the White House, and the news industry, printed a lengthy article called "Dear
11 Mr. President..." which featured letters and comments from children around the country and
12 their thoughts, hopes, prayers, and fears after the terrorist attacks; and

13 WHEREAS, Ashton expressed in his letter that he felt "really sad" and "really mad" because
14 so many people were killed who did nothing wrong; and

15 WHEREAS, like many other young people in America, Ashton says he now has a stronger
16 understanding and appreciation of what it means to be free and the costs and sacrifices it
17 takes to preserve freedom.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize Ashton Henderson as an outstanding citizen and commend him for his patriotism
20 and strong commitment to American ideals.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ashton Henderson.