

## Senate Resolution 616

By: Senators Starr of the 44th, Gillis of the 20th, Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 6th, Bowen of the 13th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Coffee High School Debate Team and inviting the team  
2 to appear before the Senate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Principal JoAnn Danna was instrumental in creating the Coffee High School  
4 Debate Team which was organized in 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, the Coffee High School Debate Team, by and through hard work and  
6 preparation, has enjoyed tremendous success over the ensuing years; and

7 WHEREAS, during the past eight years, the competitors on the Coffee High School Debate  
8 Team have won more than 100 awards for outstanding forensic competition, making this  
9 team the most successful team of Coffee High School's academic competitive teams; and

10 WHEREAS, the Debate Team has been active in the National Forensics League and the  
11 National Catholic Forensics League and has won bids to the national championships of these  
12 respective leagues in five of the past eight seasons; and

13 WHEREAS, many of the team's debaters and orators have won in regional competitions and  
14 have placed in state competitions and in the tournaments that comprise the debate season in  
15 Georgia, the southeast, and the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, the team, coached by Scott Grubbs and led by Captain Jesse Miller, has brought  
17 great honor upon themselves and Coffee High School; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of the team have shown the community, by their representation  
19 in Rotary Club speech contests and through demonstration events, that effective public  
20 speaking is not only an accessible talent for all, but that to speak well is an investment that  
21 can reap rewards not only for the individual, but for the entire community; and

1 WHEREAS, debate sharpens the communication skills of the participants, builds  
2 self-confidence, and encourages students to become aware of major public policy issues; and

3 WHEREAS, it is only proper that these outstanding young debaters be recognized for their  
4 success.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that the members of this body  
6 commend the Coffee High School Debate Team for its many achievements and wish the  
7 members well in the future.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coffee High School Debate Team is invited to  
9 appear before this body at a date and time designated by the Lt. Governor.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Coffee High School Debate Team.