

## Senate Resolution 619

By: Senators Stephens of the 51st and Cagle of the 49th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing the students of Gilmer High School; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York City, students at Gilmer High  
3 School sent a banner decorated with pictures and notes of support to the students at PS 140  
4 in New York City; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the students at Gilmer High School also collected and raised money for the New  
6 York City relief fund and sent it to PS 140 to let the students there decide where the money  
7 might best be used; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this show of support and caring motivated the students at PS 140 to also raise  
9 funds for the relief effort by making and selling lapel pins; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the students at PS 140 wanted to express their gratitude to the students at  
11 Gilmer High School for their support and concern in the aftermath of September 11, 2001;  
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, the students at PS 140 arranged for the flag which flew at the fire station of  
14 NYFD Battalion 7 on the morning of September 11, 2001, to be sent to the students at  
15 Gilmer High School; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this impressive show of goodwill and compassion on the parts of both schools  
17 led to a celebration on January 11, 2002, which will forever be remembered as Gilmer  
18 County-New York City Unity Day; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in attendance at the celebration were two members of the NYFD Battalion 7  
20 that lost five firefighters in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers and a student and  
21 the vice president of PS 140; and

1 WHEREAS, this joining of the hearts of two communities reflects the spirit that makes this  
2 country great and is another confirmation that, though separated by distance, we are all part  
3 of the same American family, united in purpose, resolve, and concern.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 recognize and commend the students of Gilmer High School for their compassion and  
6 sacrifice that they displayed toward the students of PS 140 and New York City in the days  
7 after September 11, 2001.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gilmer High School.