

Senate Resolution 68

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Thomas of the 10th, Polak of the 42nd, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Leadership Academy for Black Males sponsored by the DeKalb County
2 Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1991, the DeKalb County Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., was
4 formed and the Leadership Academy for Black Males was initiated shortly thereafter as its
5 flagship community service project with the support of local businesses, public agencies, and
6 educational institutions; and

7 WHEREAS, the mission of the Leadership Academy for Black Males is to supplement
8 parental guidance for selected youth and serve as a parallel learning and achievement
9 program in cooperation with the DeKalb County Public School System; and

10 WHEREAS, the Leadership Academy for Black Males is designed to address the crises in
11 which today's youth find themselves; and

12 WHEREAS, like in many communities, young people of color in DeKalb County and metro
13 Atlanta face problems of poverty, crime, single parenthood, drugs, violence, and
14 hopelessness; and

15 WHEREAS, the Leadership Academy for Black Males focuses on providing a series of
16 structured educational activities which allow young people to learn and experience new
17 survival techniques; and

18 WHEREAS, the Leadership Academy for Black Males conducts its programs and activities
19 at established organizations and companies throughout the metro Atlanta area; and

20 WHEREAS, entities such as the DeKalb County Public School System, First Southern Bank,
21 Georgia Power Company, Emory University, DeKalb College, the DeKalb County
22 Department of Public Safety, CNN Center, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for

1 Nonviolent Social Change, The Carter Center, the Georgia General Assembly, and the
2 Georgia Association of Educators provide facilities and financial or human resources to
3 ensure successful implementation of the program; and

4 WHEREAS, a guiding principle for the Leadership Academy for Black Males is that "one
5 must effectively manage oneself before being able to manage others," and it is this
6 performance based philosophy which underlies all of its activities.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 recognize and heartily commend the Leadership Academy for Black Males and its sponsor,
9 the DeKalb County Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc.

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 DeKalb County Chapter of 100 Black
12 Men of America, Inc.