

Senate Resolution 1008

By: Senators Hecht of the 34th and Moore of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Head Coach Bill Thorn; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coach Bill Thorn of Landmark Christian School is well known and highly
3 respected throughout the State of Georgia as an exceptionally successful coach, runner,
4 educator, father, and Christian pillar of his community who has brought fame and honor to
5 the schools, teams, parents, and communities he has touched; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Thorn was reared and educated in Alabama before receiving his Georgia
7 Teaching Certificate from Emory University in 1955, whereupon he embarked on an
8 impressive career that has spanned from the classroom to the field where he has influenced
9 and shaped the lives of numerous students and athletes; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Thorn's coaching skills and expertise run the gamut from football to
11 baseball, basketball, track, and cross country exemplified by his record of 21 region titles,
12 seven state champion runner-up titles, and 14 state championships; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Thorn has had an illustrious coaching career in football where he has
14 compiled a record of 185 wins with only 86 loses and six ties capped off by two state
15 championships, two state championship runner-up titles, and two region championships; and

16 WHEREAS, his coaching career reached its pinnacle with the boys track team at Landmark
17 Christian with a record six straight State Championships from 1996 to 2001 to add to his two
18 previous state championships, four state champion runner-up titles, and 13 region
19 championships; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2000, Coach Thorn extended his championship ways to the girls' track team
21 at Landmark Christian where under his guidance, the team has compiled an impressive
22 record of two region championships and two state championships; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Thorn's unsurpassed coaching skills have brought recognition to
2 Landmark Christian's cross country boys' and girls' teams with two state championships,
3 one state champion runner-up title, and five region championships; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Thorn's expertise and ability in track are not merely words of wisdom
5 but a true attest to his own athletic ability and prowess as he is the only person to have run
6 in every Peachtree Road Race since its inception in 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Thorn is known as the "Silver Streak" and the "Iron Man" and his
8 personal successes include being inducted into the Peachtree Road Race Hall of Fame;
9 receiving the Atlanta Track Club's highest award, the Judo Brown award; and being an
10 Olympic Torch Bearer during the 1996 Olympic Games; and

11 WHEREAS, this true gentlemen, the embodiment of sportsmanship, is a man who
12 exemplifies perseverance and dedication and his life is an example to which his students and
13 athletes strive.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 recognize and commend Coach Bill Thorn for his years of unwaivering dedication to the
16 youth of Georgia and his unprecedented accomplishments in the shaping of their lives.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Bill Thorn.