

Senate Resolution 153

By: Senator Ragan of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending members of Southwest Georgia Community Action Council's Colquitt County
2 Youth Association; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ashley Veasey, Raymond J. Tuff, Becky Blackburn, Erin MacKean, Lindsey
4 Boss, Woody Weeks, Palisa S. Harris, Amber Veasey, Kayla Purvis, Rachel Baker, Michael
5 Brooks, Brandon Medley, Jocelyn Palmore, and Anne Marie Stephens are members of the
6 Colquitt County Youth Association who are caring, motivated youth from Colquitt County
7 who have united for the purpose of assessing and addressing the needs of citizens in Colquitt
8 County to enhance the quality of life for all; and

9 WHEREAS, Colquitt County Youth Association associates have demonstrated exemplary
10 and uncommon leadership for the youth of Colquitt County; and

11 WHEREAS, Colquitt County Youth Association associates have shown initiative by
12 assisting the local chapter of the American Red Cross with a major blood drive, by providing
13 labor for the local Habitat for Humanity building projects in Moultrie, by designing and
14 establishing a community park, and by initiating and managing a community-wide effort to
15 gather quality clothing items and new toys for 154 Colquitt County foster children in
16 December, 2000; and

17 WHEREAS, the Colquitt County Youth Association has fostered cooperation and
18 partnerships among public and private entities within the community by attending numerous
19 community forums held by the Colquitt County School Board, Family Connection, and local
20 government agencies to provide a youth perspective on issues ranging from safety in schools
21 to reducing the high school dropout rate and by developing a survey instrument and
22 conducting a massive survey of 1,226 high school students and over 100 high school staff
23 members for Family Connection, providing a real time view of drug and alcohol abuse,
24 sexual activity, suicidal thought, safety concerns, and several other topics of concern to
25 youth and teaching staff in the Colquitt County.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 heartily and gratefully commend members of the Colquitt County Youth Association for
3 their personal sacrifices, foresight, accomplishments, and contributions on behalf of the
4 citizens in Colquitt County and throughout Georgia and for the positive influence each
5 member has had upon the lives and futures of countless other young people in this state.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Garry D. Hamm, Youth Advisor of the
8 Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.