

Senate Resolution 254

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and honoring Karen Shayne; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Karen Shayne is a native of Habersham County and was educated at Toccoa
3 Falls and Piedmont colleges; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she performed her first gospel music at Wolf Fork Baptist Church in Rabun
5 County at age eight, performed her first country music at the famed "Top of Georgia
6 Jamboree" in Rabun County at age 14, and recorded her first album *Through His Eyes* at age
7 16; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she is now an accomplished singer and songwriter and lives in White County;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, she wrote and recorded *Live the Dream* in memory of those who lost battles
11 with cancer and in honor of the survivors who walk the walk of life each day; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she has become a leading supporter and promoter of the American Cancer
13 Society's "Relay for Life" programs and events; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the inspirational ballad *Live the Dream* was selected as the national theme song
15 of the American Cancer Society's fundraising campaign for 2001 and proceeds from the sale
16 of *Live the Dream* benefit the American Cancer Society; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her songs, her commitment to her community, and her faith are a vivid
18 inspiration in that she is a 12 year survivor of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, uterine, and ovarian
19 cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, to demonstrate her commitment to the song and the support for cancer patients,
2 she and the American Cancer Society are providing a complimentary compact disc to each
3 member of the Georgia Senate.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends and
5 honors the incredible musical talents of Karen Shayne and her courage and her work and
6 commitment in supporting cancer survivors and the American Cancer Society and its efforts
7 to treat and cure deadly diseases.

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 Karen Shayne.