

Senate Resolution 286

By: Senators Ragan of the 11th, Thomas of the 10th, Jackson of the 50th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Marable of the 52nd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Teresa Edwards; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, since her days as a star player for the Cairo High School girls' basketball team
3 in her hometown of Cairo, Georgia, Teresa Edwards has been a dominating force and pioneer
4 in the evolution of women's basketball; and

5 WHEREAS, over the last 17 years, she has earned titles such as: Female Athlete of the Year,
6 MVP, Scoring Leader, Assist Leader, and every other plaudit imaginable for her nonstop
7 excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, as a member of the University of Georgia Lady Bulldogs from 1982 to 1986,
9 she led her team to three Southeastern Conference Championships and to the final rounds of
10 two NCAA Championship tournaments and was named All-American for three years; and

11 WHEREAS, she holds the distinction of being the only American basketball player, male or
12 female, to compete in five Olympiads; and

13 WHEREAS, as a member of the United States Olympic basketball team, she earned the
14 coveted Olympic Gold medal in 1984, 1988, 1996, and 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, for more than a decade following her college career, she was forced to take her
16 game overseas, because the opportunity for women to play professional basketball did not
17 exist in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, she achieved international stardom as a professional basketball player in Europe
19 and Asia; and

20 WHEREAS, creation of the American Basketball League established professional women's
21 basketball in this country and paved the way for her welcomed return to the United States

1 where she held the dual position of player and coach for the Atlanta Glory and was named
2 USA Basketball's Female Athlete of the Year in 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, through will power, sacrifice, resilience, and sheer extraordinary talent, Teresa
4 Edwards has helped to elevate women's basketball to new and greater levels of
5 competitiveness and excitement and has helped prove to basketball fans in this country that
6 women's basketball is worthy of their respect; and as a result, Teresa Edwards was inducted
7 into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 commend Teresa Edwards for her contributions to our society as a professional athlete and
10 as a genuine and worthy role model.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Teresa Edwards.