

Senate Resolution 395

By: Senator Stokes of the 43<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Angelo Taylor, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Angelo Taylor, Jr., has distinguished himself as one of the best track and field  
3 athletes in the world; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a 21 year-old Decatur, Georgia, resident and student at Morris Brown College,  
5 Angelo won gold medals in the 400 meter hurdles and the 4x400 meter relay at the 2000  
6 Olympic Games in Sydney; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as one of only four U. S. track and field athletes to win gold medals at the 2000  
8 Olympic Games, Angelo completed the feat in almost unheard of fashion; and
- 9 WHEREAS, running out of lane one in the 400 meter hurdles, his lane draw was considered  
10 the kiss of death in perhaps track's most grueling event; and
- 11 WHEREAS, despite the handicap of running out of lane one, Angelo used a gutsy home  
12 stretch run to win Olympic gold by .03 seconds; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he then ran the first two rounds of the men's 4x400 meter relay to win his  
14 second gold medal; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Angelo closed off his stunning 2000 season by winning the Grand Prix final in  
16 Doha, Qatar, a performance that put him atop the IAFF's overall Grand Prix rankings for  
17 2000; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Olympic Trials champion set multiple personal records over the course of  
19 the year, including his 47.62 clocking at the trials, which he later eclipsed with his 47.50 gold  
20 medal winning performance in Sydney, a time that stood as the fastest in the world in 2000;  
21 and

1 WHEREAS, blessed with uncommon speed, Angelo's resumé includes the 1999 U. S. Indoor  
2 400 meter title and the 1998 NCAA 400 meter hurdles championship to go along with the  
3 1999 U. S. Outdoor and 2000 Olympic trials titles; and

4 WHEREAS, Angelo also received the Jesse Owens Award for 2000, which named him the  
5 year's outstanding male performer of U. S. track and field.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
7 commend and congratulate Angelo Taylor, Jr., an Olympic gold medalist and world class  
8 athlete, who has brought great honor to himself, his community, and his state and extend to  
9 him best wishes for continued success in all of his endeavors.

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 Angelo Taylor, Jr.