

Senate Resolution 397

By: Senators Marable of the 52nd and Dean of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the cast members and director of the "Miracle Worker"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in February of this year, Rome Little Theatre produced the "Miracle Worker,"
3 the deeply moving drama recounting the revelation of words and ways to communicate to
4 Helen Keller as a child; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this production was particularly authentic, since for the first time the role of the
6 blind and deaf child Helen Keller was acted by a deaf actress, Renae Green, who is a primary
7 student at Georgia School for the Deaf; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the roles of Anne Sullivan's students at the New England boarding school were
9 taken by five other students from Georgia School for the Deaf: Christina Beaufort, Andrea
10 Richmond, Whitney Steadman, Shara White, and Lara Whitfield; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the performance of the actresses from the Georgia School for the Deaf was
12 acclaimed as excellent by those who saw the play; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this historic casting of six deaf actresses in this drama of special interest for
14 persons with disabilities was a superlative success due to excellent cooperation of the
15 actresses with director Virginia McChesney and two deaf staff members, David Conti and
16 Diane Conti; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Virginia McChesney, who teaches special education at Coosa High School,
18 forged a unique bond with the six deaf actresses; and
- 19 WHEREAS, all who participated in this exceptional step forward for deaf persons and drama
20 deserve commendation.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the cast members and director of the "Miracle Worker" and congratulate them for
3 taking a historic step in drama.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia School for the Deaf.

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