

Senate Resolution 195

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Renaissance Personal Development Program and its director, Mr. Joseph
2 Foster; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Renaissance Personal Development Program in Columbus, Georgia, is a solid,
4 successful program designed to rescue at-risk youth and young adults and assist them in
5 completing their education; and

6 WHEREAS, Renaissance participants come from youngsters whose potential is masked by
7 a plethora of external problems and who are a step away from the streets, and at Renaissance
8 they succeed by learning more than the five core subjects - writing, grammar, social studies,
9 literature/art, and mathematics - they also receive individual counseling, focus group
10 therapy, life skills classes, and mentoring; and

11 WHEREAS, in the latest six-month class, 43 students earned their GED, 13 returned to high
12 school and obtained a diploma, 23 enrolled in college or technical schools, and 11 joined the
13 military; and

14 WHEREAS, Joseph Foster, who helped launch the program two years ago after seeing a need
15 to help students who had trouble succeeding in regular school, is extremely active in the
16 community and is a tireless advocate for the people in such areas as literacy, domestic
17 violence, gang membership, predatory lending, substance abuse, and addiction; and

18 WHEREAS, Renaissance is a success story and has helped many young people turn their
19 lives around through caring.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Renaissance Personal Development Program and its director, Mr. Joseph Foster.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Joseph Foster.