

Senate Resolution 498

By: Senator Kemp of the 46th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Brian Christopher David Ruff; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Brian Christopher David Ruff from Athens achieved the highest level an athlete  
3 could hope for when he qualified to run the half-marathon event at the World Special  
4 Olympics in Dublin, Ireland, as a member of "Team Georgia"; and

5 WHEREAS, Brian was also honored by being selected to be "Global Messenger" for the  
6 Special Olympics, and he will be a torch runner for the opening ceremonies of the Georgia  
7 Summer Special Olympic Games; and

8 WHEREAS, it takes a tremendous amount of work and dedication to achieve such a lofty  
9 goal, and he has earned his honors through persistence as well as natural talent, but success  
10 has not changed the sweet spirit of this fine young man, who is helpful and accessible to  
11 everyone he meets; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a junior at Cedar Shoals High School, where he works in the cafeteria and  
13 is a member of the track team and cross-country team and is liked by all; and

14 WHEREAS, Brian's hobbies include reading news and weather, and he would love to be a  
15 weather announcer.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 commend Brian Christopher David Ruff for being selected a member of Team Georgia in the  
18 2003 Special Olympic Games and wish him every success in that endeavor and in the future.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to provide an appropriate copy of this resolution to Brian Christopher David Ruff.