

Senate Resolution 897

By: Senators Harp of the 16th and Thomas of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending all USA Track & Field (USATF) Georgia members, past members, member
2 organizations, and USATF related providers and declaring March 12, 2004, and henceforth
3 annually as "USA Track & Field Recognition Day in Georgia"; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, USA Track & Field (USATF) is the national governing body for track and field,
5 long-distance running, and race walking in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, USATF encompasses the world's oldest organized sport, the most watched
7 event of the Olympics, the number one high school and junior high school participatory
8 sport, and more than 50 million adult runners in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, USATF is instrumental in establishing grassroots programs, such as the Junior
10 Olympics, to help develop future stars who will follow in the footsteps of former Georgia
11 Olympic Champions and in developing, selecting, and leading Team USA - at the Olympics,
12 World Championships, and more than 12 other international events each year; and

13 WHEREAS, USATF hosted the 1996 Olympic Trials, 1996 Centennial Olympics, and the
14 1996 Paralympics; and

15 WHEREAS, roughly 700 athletes of all ages wear a Team USA uniform in any given year;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, nearly 100,000 Americans are members of USATF and 57 USATF associations
18 oversee the sport and its 2,500 clubs at the local level.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 express their profound gratitude to all the professional program administrators, athletes,
21 officials, youth clubs, member organizations, and USA Track & Field related providers

1 within the State of Georgia and proudly acknowledge March 12, 2004, and henceforth
2 annually as "USA Track & Field Recognition Day in Georgia."

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to USA Track & Field Georgia Association.