

Senate Resolution 681

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Starr of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Reed of the 35th and Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club was organized on January 5, 1979, by
3 teachers from two predominantly black Clayton County schools, J. W. Arnold Elementary
4 School in Jonesboro and W. A. Fountain High School in Forest Park, whose faculties had
5 developed a fraternal relationship prior to integration and desired to continue their close ties
6 after the school system was integrated; and

7 WHEREAS, today the club is comprised of educational professionals, either who formerly
8 taught at Arnold and Fountain schools or who are presently working in the Clayton County
9 School System, and friends and associates with a genuine interest in education, continuous
10 fellowship, friendship, and social interaction who are concerned about the education of
11 students in Clayton County and beyond; and

12 WHEREAS, the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club's stated mission is to maintain contact
13 among former educators from Arnold and Fountain schools and other interested persons in
14 preserving the history of education in Clayton County; to promote personal and professional
15 growth; and to provide opportunities for service and assistance to youth through mentoring,
16 role modeling, scholarships, and other acts of kindness; and

17 WHEREAS, members live out their club's purpose of serving the community by participating
18 in several projects throughout the year, including providing donations and other services to
19 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home in Atlanta, the United Negro College Fund, and the
20 Alfretta Allen Harper Scholarship Fund; mentoring; tutoring; and other volunteer work for
21 Clayton County Public Schools; and

22 WHEREAS, through its laudable outreach to the community and its commitment to bettering
23 public education, the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club is an excellent example to all
24 citizens striving to improve the world around them.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in commending the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club for all of its fine work within the
3 field of education and thank its members for their inspirational generosity.

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 Mr. Eddie J. White, president of the
6 Arnold-Fountain Professional Club.