

Senate Resolution 1279

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Douglas Harrell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas Harrell, a 20 year-old college student from Whigham, Georgia,
3 had a fateful opportunity to put the skills he learned as an Eagle Scout to very good use on
4 March 10, 2006, when he courageously rescued a man from drowning off the coast of
5 Pensacola, Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell and his companions were on spring break when they noticed four
7 men waving to a swimmer who was struggling in the ocean waters; and

8 WHEREAS, after two off-duty lifeguards tried and failed to rescue the drowning man, Mr.
9 Harrell decided he had to take matters into his own hands; and

10 WHEREAS, braving the cold waters amidst the strong winds of that day, Mr. Harrell swam
11 to the swimmer in peril and drew on the life-saving techniques he learned from scouting to
12 pull the man ashore; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell's actions on that dramatic day demonstrated the highest degree of
14 heroism, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to pay tribute to this
15 extraordinary young man.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 join in commending Mr. Douglas Harrell on his heroic rescue of a man from drowning and
18 in extending to him their best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Douglas Harrell.