

Senate Resolution 129

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Southern Catholic College and proclaiming February 18th as Southern Catholic
2 College Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Southern Catholic College was founded in Dawsonville, Georgia, in 2000 as
4 the first Catholic college in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Southern Catholic College offers a liberal arts college degree program while
6 also promoting Christian inspiration in individuals and the community; and

7 WHEREAS, Southern Catholic College was built on the history and foundation of the
8 Roman Catholic Church and is an outstanding college promoting academic excellence and
9 developing the intellectual, ethical, and leadership potential of its students; and

10 WHEREAS, Southern Catholic College was founded by Mr. Thomas J. Clements, who
11 worked tirelessly to establish the first Catholic college in Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of his significant philanthropic and leadership contributions to
13 Catholic education, Mr. Thomas Clements received the 2006 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award,
14 the highest honor awarded by the National Catholic Education Association; and

15 WHEREAS, the current and first president of Southern Catholic College is Jeremiah J.
16 Ashcroft, who was named by the board of trustees on July 1, 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, the college is projected to have 500 students in four years and to eventually
18 provide a quality Christian education to 3,000 students from around the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, Southern Catholic College strives to be a caring and ethical community, and the
20 hallmarks of this community are the quest for knowledge in the light of the Catholic faith and

1 the school's commitment to the service of others; and it is only fitting and proper that the
2 tremendous efforts and accomplishments of this significant institution be recognized.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that February 18th is
4 proclaimed "Southern Catholic College Day" in the State of Georgia in recognition of its
5 commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and service.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jeremiah J. Ashcroft, President of
8 Southern Catholic College, and to Mr. Thomas J. Clements, founder of Southern Catholic
9 College.