

Senate Resolution 293

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the E. W. Oliver Elementary School "mathletes"; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in January, 2007, the brightest mathematical minds of the fourth and fifth
3 grades at E. W. Oliver Elementary School in Clayton County traveled to Charlotte, North
4 Carolina, for a contest to determine which school would carry home bragging rights as
5 winners of a mathematics competition; and

6 WHEREAS, although the Clayton mathletes were apprehensive about going up against the
7 math magnet school for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County School System, in a state that
8 ranks 10th nationally in math SAT scores, the students drew confidence from their principal,
9 Dr. Ronald Boykins, a no-nonsense former Army officer who is largely responsible for the
10 program; and

11 WHEREAS, each student began the competition with eight cards, and with each wrong
12 answer a card was taken away; and

13 WHEREAS, at the end of the hour and a half time limit, the E. W. Oliver students ruled,
14 with the fifth graders winning 129 to 43 and the fourth graders winning 81 to 62; and

15 WHEREAS, in a show of sportsmanship virtually unknown in the sports arena, the North
16 Carolina students cheered and congratulated the Clayton Countians on their victory; and

17 WHEREAS, it is heartening to see such excellence in skill and in spirit, and the students of
18 E. W. Oliver are to be commended and congratulated.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 commend the mathletes of E. W. Oliver Elementary School for their display of mathematical
21 skill and the true spirit of competition.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Ronald Boykins on behalf of all of
- 3 the students.