A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Philandria Williams; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Philandria Williams, a senior at Hardaway High School, received the Richard

- 3 R. Miles Award for Youth at a recent One Columbus dinner; and
- WHEREAS, in less than 250 words, she summed up why diversity is important to her,
 saying, "If everyone was the same, the world would be very boring. Having different people,
 different races, and different ideas, it opens up doors and just gives an opportunity for
 variety"; and
- 8 WHEREAS, these unifying sentiments set her essay apart from the other contestants and are9 the reason she was recognized by One Columbus; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she says, "It's a subject that not a lot of people think about. To write about 11 diversity is something I really wanted to experience because a lot of people don't take the
- 12 time to think about why our community is so diverse"; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Cheryl Seymour, the Hardaway High School teacher who nominated Philandria
- 14 for the award, notes that she has friends across all racial boundaries and creeds; and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is important that young people of her character be recognized and 16 commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
recognize and commend Philandria Williams for her achievements and wish her well in the
future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Philandria Williams.