

Senate Resolution 380

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pace Academy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, established in 1958, Pace Academy currently educates more than 900 students
3 in its three school divisions, the Lower School, the Middle School, and the Upper School,
4 from pre-first through the twelfth grade, maintaining an exceptional student-to-teacher ratio
5 of nine to one and with an average class size of 15 students; and

6 WHEREAS, the faculty averages 17 years of teaching experience with an average of 11
7 years of experience at Pace Academy, and among the 63 faculty members of the Upper
8 School, 75 percent hold graduate degrees, eight of which are doctorates; and

9 WHEREAS, the graduating class of 2006 earned 301 college acceptances and matriculated
10 into 52 different colleges and universities in 21 states, Washington, D.C., and Scotland; and

11 WHEREAS, Pace Academy is one of ten independent schools being studied by the Institute
12 for Global Ethics, and it was cited by the National Association of Independent Schools for
13 being an exceptional ethical learning community; and

14 WHEREAS, Pace Academy was one of Atlanta's first schools to integrate service learning
15 into the curriculum and make it a graduation requirement; and

16 WHEREAS, with a truly outstanding record, Headmaster Fred Assaf has strived passionately
17 to create a rewarding and stimulating environment for the students, parents, and staff of Pace
18 Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, Pace Academy's service learning program has been honored by The Council
20 for Spiritual & Ethical Education in 2004 and the national Freedom Foundation at Valley
21 Forge Award in 2002 and has earned the school recognition as the 2002 School of the Year
22 by the Atlanta Community Food Bank; and

1 WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 athletic season, 16 of the school's 22 varsity teams
2 reached the state playoffs and 9 percent of graduating athletes signed to play at the collegiate
3 level; and

4 WHEREAS, during the 2006-2007 school year, Pace Academy won the Georgia High School
5 Association State Debate Championship for the twentieth consecutive year, and the 2002
6 Pace Academy Upper School Debate Team won the national championship; and

7 WHEREAS, in the past three years, Pace Academy students have earned 30 first and second
8 place regional and national Scholastic Art Awards; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lower School chess team was the national winner of the 2005 K-6 Blitz
10 Supnationals III Chess Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, as an institution wholly committed to excellence in every academic discipline
12 and every aspect of community life, Pace Academy has brought honor to the State of
13 Georgia.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 join in recognizing Pace Academy for its brilliant success in all of its endeavors,
16 commending its sustained devotion to community service, and extending their sincerest best
17 wishes to the students, faculty members, administrators, and staff of Pace Academy.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Headmaster Fred Assaf of Pace
20 Academy.