

Senate Resolution 678

By: Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the life of Ryan Clark; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its finest and brightest sons with the
3 untimely passing of Ryan Clark of Martinez, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ryan was a young man of extraordinary energy and dedication who was
5 respected by his fellow Virginia Tech students and who pursued his studies with a tireless
6 vigor, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ryan had completed course work in three majors, biology, psychology, and
8 English, and he planned to pursue a Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience after graduating with
9 bachelor's degrees in biology and English in May, 2007; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ryan, who was called "Stack" by his friends, was an esteemed member of the
11 Marching Virginians, where he was a constant source of warm guidance and advice for his
12 fellow band members; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was also an active participant in community service, and his open-minded
14 demeanor and unshakeable optimism were indispensable during projects such as Camp Big
15 Heart, a summer camp for adults and children with special needs, where Ryan directed the
16 music and dance program; and
- 17 WHEREAS, as a resident advisor at West Ambler Johnston dormitory, Ryan was among the
18 first students to respond to the tragic events of Monday, April 16, 2007, and rushing to the
19 aid of his friends and neighbors, he selflessly placed himself in harm's way; and
- 20 WHEREAS, his immense dedication to learning and to serving his community were
21 surpassed only by his loving devotion to his family, and his untimely passing has
22 undoubtedly left scars upon countless hearts throughout Georgia and elsewhere.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 celebrate the inspiring life of Ryan Clark, express their profound regret at the passing of such
3 an outstanding young scholar and community leader, and offer their sincerest condolences
4 to his friends and family.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ryan Clark.