

Senate Resolution 130

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Operation Beautiful Feet team; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, years ago, a Sunday school group of fifth graders at United Methodist Church
3 in Carrollton, Georgia, had a dream to minister the word of God and provide comfort,
4 kindness, and support to the downtrodden and homeless children of Africa; and

5 WHEREAS, with a promise from their teacher, Joy Griffin, that they would visit Africa if
6 they proved they were dedicated to their cause by raising money and learning about the
7 plight of those less fortunate than them, the students created Operation Beautiful Feet; and

8 WHEREAS, inspired by scripture, the goal of Operation Beautiful Feet was to travel to
9 Kenya and assist the youngest victims of the continent's AIDS epidemic, the children who
10 have become orphans and homeless after their parents lost their battle with the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, for years, the students prepared for their trip to Africa by raising funds and
12 training and studying diligently, and their dreams became reality with help from the
13 International Leadership Institute of Carrollton; and

14 WHEREAS, during their visit to Nairobi, Kenya, an eight-square-mile town in which over
15 2 million people live, they built a two-story schoolroom in two weeks, clearing the area of
16 garbage, hauling the lumber, and hammering tin to provide the homeless children in the area
17 with a safe place to learn; and

18 WHEREAS, while in Nairobi, the teenagers of Operation Beautiful Feet went door-to-door
19 to share the Gospel and pray, entertained the townspeople with puppet shows and skits about
20 the Bible, and had the opportunity to teach children the word of God with the help of a
21 translator; and

22 WHEREAS, during their missionary trip to Africa, Operation Beautiful Feet also traveled
23 to Naivasha, Kenya, where they saw a building, Strong Tower, they had raised funds to have
24 built, which served as the home for 24 previously homeless boys; and

25 WHEREAS, at Strong Tower, the Operation Beautiful Feet team prepared a garden for the
26 residents to use as a source of food and income, played games with the children, and
27 purchased each boy their first pair of new shoes; and

28 WHEREAS, with the funds raised by the team, they were able to purchase a generator for
29 Strong Tower so that the boys could live more comfortably in a building with electricity and
30 since their return home, have resumed their fundraising efforts to continue to house the
31 homeless children of Africa; and

32 WHEREAS, the Operation Beautiful Feet team is made up of 12 remarkable students from
33 Oak Mountain Academy, Bremen High School, and Carrollton High School; and

34 WHEREAS, the generous and amazing members of Operation Beautiful Feet include Molly
35 Garner, Kelli Allen, Caroline Batch, Chelsea Goodman, Marissa Shunn, Grace Glanton,
36 Carlee Thomas, Katy Flinn, Jamie Swindle, Sam Martin, Kyle Martin, and Caleb Griffin; and

37 WHEREAS, the trip was also made possible through the direction, leadership, and selfless
38 example provided by chaperone Kelly Glanton and Operation Beautiful Feet's leader, Joy
39 Griffin; and

40 WHEREAS, Operation Beautiful Feet's remarkable missionary journey and display of
41 kindness and compassion serves as an example of how everyone can make a difference and
42 is worthy of recognition.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 commend Operation Beautiful Feet for their altruistic and magnanimous deeds for the
45 orphans of Africa.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of Operation Beautiful
48 Feet.