

Senate Resolution 640

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team on  
2 winning the 2009 Cheersport National Championship in the Special Needs II Division; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Cheersport Nationals is the world's largest cheerleading competition, hosting  
5 over 900 teams and 20,000 cheerleaders in 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, the national competition has been the largest event of any kind held in Atlanta  
7 since 2006 and is the first competition to offer a forum for teams with special needs; and

8 WHEREAS, the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team was sponsored by the  
9 Newnan School of Gymnastics and Cheerleading, an organization started by Cricket Shelnut  
10 over 20 years ago to help children reach their potential through athleticism and  
11 self-confidence; and

12 WHEREAS, while the Newnan School of Gymnastics and Cheerleading has sent teams to  
13 Cheersport Nationals in the past, the 2009 "Super Stars" squad was the organization's first  
14 special needs team entered in the competition in coordination with the Coweta County  
15 Special Olympics; and

16 WHEREAS, under the direction of Coaches Serik Barrios and Jennifer Freed, the Newnan  
17 Southern Stars "Super Stars" came through with flying colors, winning the title as the  
18 nation's best; and

19 WHEREAS, the "Super Stars" squad was composed of team members Brittany Blackenship,  
20 Morgan Byrom, Caitlyn Davis, Kayla Dyer, Darrius Gray, Michelle Keith, Brandon Rasch,  
21 Autumn Richardson, Katie Shiffert, Joshua Sloman, Sara Tinney, and Holli White; and

22 WHEREAS, the cheer team's assistants included Morgan Blalock, Paige Boose, Cassie  
23 Brown, Anna Cole, Katey Dobson, Courtney Freed, Nikki Gentry, Jessi Griffies, Morgan  
24 Hestley, Emilie LeClair, Katheryn LeClair, Jordan Misutka, Samantha Mizzell, Alex Noles,  
25 Allison Oesterle, Brooke Robinson, Rose Thompson, Amanda Wilkin, and Erin Zauner; and

26 WHEREAS, these outstanding young Georgians have demonstrated considerable discipline,  
27 coordination, and teamwork throughout the season, and their cheerleading routines and  
28 formations reflect their creativity, spirit, and dedication.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team on their win of the 2009  
31 Cheersport National Championship in the Special Needs II Division.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars"  
34 Cheer Team and their assistants and coaches.