

Senate Resolution 643

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Charles T. Huddleston and the Georgia Metros Girls  
2 Basketball Club; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1984, south DeKalb County's Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club  
4 has grown into one of the premier amateur basketball clubs in the country, serving as a  
5 platform for showcasing young talent before college scouts; and

6 WHEREAS, the longtime coach and director of Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club, Mr.  
7 Charles T. Huddleston, has been instrumental in helping more than 350 high school athletes  
8 earn scholarships to play basketball in college; and

9 WHEREAS, a labor law specialist by day, Mr. Huddleston devotes his free time to helping  
10 athletes excel in the Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club, many of whom come from  
11 single-parent households in urban neighborhoods; and

12 WHEREAS, serving as a beacon of hope for many athletes, Mr. Huddleston started coaching  
13 for the Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club in the early 1990's when his daughter Julia,  
14 who is now an assistant woman's basketball coach at Virginia Commonwealth University,  
15 played with the club; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club typically fields ten teams with 130  
17 student athletes learning sportsmanship and leadership through the program along with  
18 improving their basketball skills and level of competition; and

19 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee where he served as student body  
20 president, Mr. Huddleston is also active in encouraging women in politics, has served as a  
21 fundraiser for the Atlanta Women's Foundation, and is a charter founding member of the  
22 advisory council for Mayor Shirley Franklin's Atlanta Women's Agenda; and

23 WHEREAS, his dedication to uplifting women of all ages and encouraging them to realize  
24 their potential was recognized by Georgia's Women in Numbers (WIN) List with its first  
25 Men for WIN Award; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Huddleston has demonstrated his dedication to the Georgia Metros Girls  
27 Basketball Club and its participants, helping athletes on and off the court, and providing  
28 financial support to the program and its many outstanding initiatives; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Huddleston will be honored by *Atlanta Woman Magazine* as a 2008 Fan  
30 Male for his work with the Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club, his support of women for  
31 elective office, and his diligent advocacy on behalf of women's causes and issues at the  
32 Community Heroes Luncheon on March 24, 2009; and

33 WHEREAS, the selfless efforts of Mr. Huddleston and the incredible work of the Georgia  
34 Metros Girls Basketball Club are worthy of recognition.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize and commend the Georgia Metros Girls Basketball Club and its long-time director,  
37 Mr. Charles T. Huddleston, for changing the lives and futures of countless young female  
38 athletes in this state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles T. Huddleston.