

Senate Resolution 72

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Chance of the 16th, Butler of the 55th, Unterman of the 45th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Al Mead; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Al Mead serves as an inspiration to others and a testament to the great
3 things that can be accomplished with hard work, determination, and faith; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Mead lost his left leg at the age of nine in a fall, but that has not stopped
5 him from achieving his dreams, earning a gold medal, and breaking world records; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he has broken world records in the 100, 200, and 400 meter races during the
7 Paralympic trials, won a gold medal in the long jump at the 1988 Seoul games, and earned
8 a silver medal in the long jump at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Mead served as vice chairman of the board of directors of the 1996
10 Paralympic Organizing Committee, worked as a CBS commentator of the games, and had
11 his image painted on the Coke Centennial Olympic Wall; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this amazing athlete was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2006
13 and continues to work on behalf of disabled athletes as vice chairman of the board of
14 directors for the United States Disabled Athletes Fund; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Mead serves as a motivational speaker, traveling the country to inspire
16 people and leaders of the corporate and civic world; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a native of Chicago, Mr. Mead is united in love and marriage to his wife,
18 Michelle, and he has been blessed with two remarkable daughters, Karen and Monique; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Mr. Al Mead on his determination, accomplishments, and fortitude.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Al Mead.