

Senate Resolution 193

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Tippins of the 37th and Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mary Lathem; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mary Lathem of Covington, Georgia, has earned national recognition by being
3 honored with the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and been named a
4 Distinguished Finalist; and

5 WHEREAS, established in 1995 by Prudential Financial and the National Association of
6 Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award honors young
7 volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to service
8 in their community; and

9 WHEREAS, a sophomore at Eastside High School, Mary established the Spotlight
10 Performing Arts Club, a weekly arts enrichment program for underprivileged children; and

11 WHEREAS, for her program, Mary recruited volunteers, developed a curriculum, managed
12 publicity, and coordinated talent shows and field trips for as many as 35 children at a time;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of communities, and the vitality
15 of this nation depend heavily upon the service of young people and their willingness to
16 devote their time, energy, and talent to others; and

17 WHEREAS, Mary represents the true spirit of service, peer leadership, and responsibility,
18 and the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation to the future of this bright and
19 promising young student.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Mary Lathem's incredible community service to this state and extend

22 congratulations for being recognized with the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award
23 and as a Distinguished Finalist.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mary Lathem.