

## Senate Resolution 196

By: Senators Williams of the 19th and Hill of the 4th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Paul Anderson Youth Home; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in October, 2011, the Paul Anderson Youth Home of Vidalia, Georgia, will  
3 celebrate its fiftieth anniversary of outstanding service on behalf of troubled young men and  
4 their families; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Paul Anderson, a native of Toccoa, Georgia, and his wife, Glenda,  
6 responded in 1961 to God's call to create a home for troubled youth whom society had given  
7 up on; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was known as the "World's Strongest Man," holding an Olympic  
9 gold medal and a record in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most weight ever  
10 lifted by a human, but rather than seeking fame and fortune from his remarkable athletic  
11 achievements, he invested his life in sacrificial kingdom work that flourishes today through  
12 the ongoing ministry of the Paul Anderson Youth Home as well as the new training and  
13 resourcing initiatives of Paul Anderson Ministries, guided by Mrs. Glenda Anderson Leonard  
14 and her staff; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 1,000 young men from all over the country have been served over  
16 the last 50 years and have been provided a Christian residential "home" environment in  
17 which they can rebuild their broken lives; and

18 WHEREAS, most of the young men who come to the Paul Anderson Youth Home, having  
19 been involved with substance abuse, receive life-changing help and take important steps  
20 toward freedom from addiction and unhealthy lifestyle patterns, learning to manage  
21 life-controlling problems and, with God's help, recover; and

22 WHEREAS, this work focuses on helping broken boys become strong men, teaching them  
23 how to rebuild their lives with an emphasis on physical work and play, rigorous academics,  
24 and restored relationships with God, their families, and society; and

25 WHEREAS, all success is based on the redemption Jesus Christ offers in the gospel and  
26 through a relationship with Him, in which young men discover their intrinsic value, meet  
27 God in His Word, grasp the unconditional love of God for themselves, and learn how to walk  
28 under loving authority; and

29 WHEREAS, ongoing work of national importance is happening through Paul Anderson  
30 Ministries, which, in addition to the daily work of restoring young men's lives at the Paul  
31 Anderson Youth Home, is offering hope to families through conferences, resources,  
32 publications, and information with the goal of equipping and shepherding families as they  
33 train their children to stand firm against increasingly negative cultural influences.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 do hereby commend the Paul Anderson Youth Home of Vidalia, Georgia, for its faithful  
36 service over the last 50 years to troubled young men and their families, offering them new  
37 life and hope in Jesus Christ.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary or the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Paul Anderson Ministries at the Paul  
40 Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia, Georgia.