

Senate Resolution 376

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Balfour of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2009 Child Fatality Review Committee of the Year from
2 Gwinnett County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County was recognized as having the 2009 Child Fatality Review
4 Committee of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, the Child Fatality Review Committee diligently set about its directives of
6 meeting every month to review cases, submitting thorough reports of its findings, making
7 recommendations to the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel, and initiating several
8 prevention activities to reduce child death and injury; and

9 WHEREAS, the committee received outstanding community support for efforts to initiate
10 a partnership with local commissioners to provide heart screens for children and youth at a
11 reduced rate and these efforts derived from the committee's increasing concerns regarding
12 the number of heart-related medical deaths being reviewed; and

13 WHEREAS, in an effort to educate the community about safe sleep and sudden infant death
14 syndrome and sudden unexpected infant death prevention, the committee was very
15 instrumental in mandating sudden infant death syndrome training for all Gwinnett Medical
16 Center nursing staff who work with new mothers, and as a result of the hospital's mandatory
17 SIDS training, several other medical centers and hospitals have requested assistance in
18 implementing similar training for their personnel; and

19 WHEREAS, the committee has worked tirelessly to integrate all disciplines involved in this
20 issue, on all levels of government, including law enforcement, prosecutors, social services,
21 school personnel, medical personnel, and others, to ensure that this issue receives input from
22 professionals representing different aspects of not only the problem but for its solution; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity
24 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary committee.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join together to recognize the 2009 Child Fatality Review Committee of the Year from
27 Gwinnett County and commend its members for their outstanding service to their community
28 and this state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the committee.