

Senate Resolution 419

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Thompson of the 5th, Hooks of the 14th, Millar of the 40th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Model United Nations and Model Arab League programs
2 of Georgia State University, and their coach, Dr. Rashid Naim; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's Model United Nations and Model Arab League
4 programs have been recognized as the competitive standard in regional and national
5 diplomatic simulations since their founding seven years ago; and

6 WHEREAS, a recipient of the International Studies Education Excellence Award from
7 Georgia State University, Dr. Rashid Naim has served as the faculty advisor for the school's
8 award-winning Model United Nations and Model Arab League teams since 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Naim served as a research fellow at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
10 in which his research included work on the theories of legitimacy in Muslim political thought
11 with a particular reference to the Middle East; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's Model United Nations and Model Arab League are
13 further recognized as one of the many academic opportunities provided by Georgia State
14 University that not only brings about a variety of communication and critical thinking skills,
15 but also aims at educating its participants about the intricacies of modern international
16 politics; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Model United Nations team competes in the
18 Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN) conference and the National Model
19 United Nations (NMUN) conference, having won the Outstanding Delegation Award at
20 nationals for the past four years and five consecutive Honorable Mention Awards at
21 regionals; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Model Arab League team competes in the
23 Southeast Regional Model Arab League (SERMAL) conference and the National Model

24 Arab League (NMAL) conference, winning the Outstanding Delegation Award at regionals
25 for the past seven years and the Outstanding Delegation Award at nationals in 2010; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Naim serves as the director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department
27 of Political Science at Georgia State University and has served as a senior lecturer at the
28 university since 1993, teaching courses such as Global Issues, Comparative Politics,
29 International Relations, Model United Nations, Model Arab League, Religion and Politics,
30 and the Middle East in World Affairs; and

31 WHEREAS, prior to joining Georgia State University, Dr. Naim taught at Oxford University,
32 the University of Illinois, the University of California at Santa Cruz, and Union College; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Rashid Naim has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
34 vital role that he has played in higher education and his deep personal commitment to the
35 students of Georgia; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
37 this distinguished Georgian, and the competitive programs that he's established, be
38 appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 commend Georgia State University's Model United Nations and Model Arabic League
41 programs for their formidable and consistent competitive records, as well as their instructor,
42 Dr. Rashid Naim, for his sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on the
43 behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive influence he has and will continue to have
44 upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Rashid Naim.