

Senate Resolution 641

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Conyers City Councilman Cleveland Stroud; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cleveland Stroud, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, graduated from Bryan Street  
4 School, earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, and attended Atlanta University  
5 and Georgia State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Cleveland Stroud has been united in love and marriage to his high school  
7 sweetheart, Mrs. Helen Flanigan Stroud, for over 55 years and has been blessed with three  
8 children, Gregory, Anthony, and Karen; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and

9 WHEREAS, "Coach" Stroud can count many accomplishments during his 39 year tenure as  
10 an educator at Rockdale County High School, such as being the first African American coach  
11 and department chair, serving as Chair of the health and physical education departments and  
12 as the head coach of the girls softball and track teams, which facilitated him being chosen  
13 as regional and state coach eight times, as well as being honored as "Teacher of the Year"  
14 in 1988; and

15 WHEREAS, this trailblazer was the first African American to serve on the Zoning and  
16 Planning Board in Rockdale County and the first to be elected to office in the City of  
17 Conyers, he was chosen Citizen of the Year three times in Rockdale County and once by the  
18 State of Georgia. He received awards from the United States Olympic Committee and the  
19 International Olympic Committee. He served as Mayor Pro Tempore and Vice Mayor three  
20 times, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rockdale County Chamber  
21 of Commerce. He is currently serving his fifth term as the District I Councilman; and

22 WHEREAS, Councilman Stroud has dedicated his life as an educator, servant, and leader for  
23 the residents of the City of Conyers and Rockdale County.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend Councilman Cleveland Stroud for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
26 public service to the State of Georgia and Rockdale County; recognize the positive influence  
27 he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state; and extend to  
28 him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Councilman Cleveland Stroud.