

Senate Resolution 805

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Cory Francis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Cory Francis, originally from Raeford, North Carolina, spent his adolescence
3 in Durham, North Carolina, where he developed a love of football and a passion to help
4 others less fortunate; and

5 WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration in
6 Public Administration from North Carolina Central University in 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis played in the NFL for the Baltimore Ravens and he interacted with
8 youths in the classroom and on the field who were in need of mental health services; and

9 WHEREAS, he worked with the National AIDS and HIV hotline as a health communication
10 specialist and a prevention specialist at an accredited substance abuse program in Raleigh;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, determined to make more of a monumental change in his community, Mr.
13 Francis laid the foundation for Community Outreach for Youth and Family Services, Inc.,
14 in 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, Community Outreach for Youth and Family Services (COYFS) of Georgia
16 offers services dedicated to improving the quality life for individuals with mental illnesses
17 by empowering them and their families through therapeutic, person-centered support, and
18 provides a host of outreach programs including a full-scale mental health program that is
19 vital to its community; and

20 WHEREAS, COYFS was awarded a three-year accreditation by the CARF International
21 Board of Directors in 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis created a Center for Community Development to further assist in
23 providing more avenues to help citizens of local communities to improve the quality of their
24 immediate surroundings through self-empowerment programs in 2010; and

25 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body express its appreciation for the great advancements
26 made by Cory Francis.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize Cory Francis and commend him for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
29 dedicated contributions to Community Outreach for Youth and Families.

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