

Senate Resolution 874

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reuben Burnley, Pickens High School's 2012 STAR Student; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most  
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, Reuben Burnley has shown by the example of his academic accomplishments  
6 that the pursuit and attainment of scholastic success are within the reach of the students in  
7 this state; and

8 WHEREAS, this remarkable scholar has earned distinction through his superlative  
9 achievements at Pickens High School where he is a gifted student and has been selected as  
10 Pickens High School's 2012 STAR Student; and

11 WHEREAS, to be selected as a STAR Student for a high school, a student must have  
12 obtained the highest score in one administration of the three-part Scholastic Aptitude Test  
13 and be in the top 10 percent or top ten students of his or her class; and

14 WHEREAS, each school has one STAR Student who in turn has the opportunity to choose  
15 a STAR Teacher who has inspired and encouraged them throughout their high school career;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Reuben chose as his STAR teacher Pickens High School educator Mr. Patrick  
18 Gallagher, who provided support and guidance throughout the years and encouraged Reuben  
19 to achieve his utmost potential; and

20 WHEREAS, Reuben has personified the selfless dedication, mental agility, verbal adroitness,  
21 and personal maturity necessary for superlative academic performance; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation toward the future of this  
23 bright and promising young citizen.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 heartily commend Reuben Burnley's spectacular scholastic endeavors, recognize him for  
26 being named Pickens High School's STAR Student for 2012, and express their most sincere  
27 best wishes for continued academic success in the future.

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