

Senate Resolution 1296

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Julianna Russell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Julianna Russell was born with spina bifida, a congenital disorder that caused  
3 her spine not to be fully developed at birth, and after multiple surgeries to correct the defect  
4 she still has difficulty walking and sometimes relies on the use of a wheelchair; and
- 5 WHEREAS, during her first driving lesson, Julianna discovered she did not have enough  
6 feeling in her legs to operate the gas and brake pedals without looking at her feet, but after  
7 installing hand controls in her car Julianna was able to take on the open road; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she created "I Don't Need Easy," a website that gives young people with  
9 disabilities easy access to helpful information and a forum to share their stories about what  
10 it is like to grow up with a disability; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Julianna enjoys helping others and recently assisted in organizing collections  
12 at Shaw High School for the Ronald McDonald House; and
- 13 WHEREAS, her dream and future plan is to attend Columbus State University and later  
14 Emory University to study to become an occupational therapist; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia looks forward with great anticipation to the future of this  
16 bright and promising young citizen.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 commend Julianna Russell for her dedicated contributions on behalf of others and extend to  
19 her sincere best wishes for continued health, happiness, and future success.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Julianna Russell.