

Senate Resolution 652

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Charles Foster, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Charles Foster, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Charles was born on May 30, 1988, in Randolph County, a beloved son of  
5 Charles and Jessie Foster; and
- 6 WHEREAS, an honor student at Stewart-Quitman School and Randolph-Clay High School,  
7 Charles garnered a reputation for academic excellence before he even began his college  
8 career; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was an exceptional student at Andrew College from 2007 to 2009; in  
10 addition to his academic pursuits, he was a servant leader, a participant in the AndrewServes  
11 program, and a member of the Student Support Services, a federal Trio program; and
- 12 WHEREAS, while at Andrew College, Charles was involved in several community service  
13 projects and programs, including serving as an organizer for a Red Cross blood drive on  
14 campus, a tutor for Randolph County Elementary School and Quitman County Elementary  
15 School, and a participant in Habitat for Humanity; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Charles founded a group that he named the Community Support Initiators, and  
17 he served as director and established a mission he called Cans of Glory, an initiative to  
18 collect canned goods for families that lived at a local drug rehabilitation center so that the  
19 families and staff would not have the added pressure of securing food supplies during  
20 Thanksgiving and Christmas; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Charles enjoyed participating in theater while at Andrew College and starred  
22 in the production of *Tuna Christmas*; and

23 WHEREAS, as a servant leader, Charles encouraged others to recognize that what one is  
24 doing for others is more important than who gets the credit for doing it, and he acknowledged  
25 that servant leadership was the greatest experience of his life; and

26 WHEREAS, Charles also attended Columbus State University where he earned his bachelor's  
27 degree, which was presented to his mother after his passing; and

28 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
29 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
30 family and friends were admired by others; and

31 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
32 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
33 made this world a better place in which to live.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Charles Foster, Jr., and express their deepest and  
36 most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Charles Foster, Jr.