

Senate Resolution 684

By: Senator Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chamblee Charter High School and Chamblee Middle School
2 for their outstanding achievements in German language instruction and learning; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, foreign language skills contribute to Georgia's economic growth, workforce
5 development, and competitiveness in the global marketplace and can benefit all careers in
6 Georgia's 21st century economy; and

7 WHEREAS, international companies operating in Georgia and across the globe look for and
8 value workers with foreign language skills and cultural understanding; and

9 WHEREAS, Chamblee Charter High School and Chamblee Middle School have developed
10 one of the strongest German language programs in the nation and join an international,
11 multi-cultural network of about 1,500 schools that offer such programs; and

12 WHEREAS, on the 2012 German Advanced Placement Exam, all 43 Chamblee Charter High
13 School students who took the test passed the exam, with 16 students earning the highest
14 possible score; and

15 WHEREAS, Chamblee Charter High School is one of only two public schools in the nation
16 that participates in the Deutsche Sprachdiplom II (DSDII) Exam; and

17 WHEREAS, passing this exam meets the language requirement for entrance into German
18 Universities, allowing these students to obtain an elite and free education at a German
19 University; and

20 WHEREAS, of this year's 19 test takers, 13 students achieved the score of C1, the highest
21 level of fluency equivalent to native speakers; and

22 WHEREAS, students from Chamblee Charter High School were recently recognized for their
23 achievements by German Consul General Christoph Sander and Petra Reuter, German
24 Language Advisor with the German Central Agency for School Abroad, at a special
25 ceremony; and

26 WHEREAS, both Chamblee Charter High School and Chamblee Middle School were
27 presented the prestigious PASCH Award for their progressive approaches in teaching the
28 German language and are the first two public schools in the history of the State of Georgia
29 to receive this award; and

30 WHEREAS, this amazing progress directly results from emphasis on foreign languages in
31 early learning stages at Kittredge Elementary School, a feeder school for Chamblee Middle
32 School, under the leadership of Principal Laura Neely.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Chamblee Charter High School and Chamblee Middle School, as well as all
35 German language educators and students, for their outstanding achievements in German
36 language instruction and learning.

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 Chamblee Charter High School Principal
39 Rochelle Lowery and Chamblee Middle School Principal Cynthia Jackson.