

Senate Resolution 901

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Gooch of the 51st and Ginn of the 47th

WITHDRAWN FROM CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Derrick Cody and Anissa Teal; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, weather can often be an unpredictable force of nature, which was a poignant
3 reminder for thousands of Georgians in January, 2014, when snow and ice turned an ordinary
4 drive home to an adventure and harrowing ordeal for many; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Derrick Cody and Anissa Teal were busy at work at Marriott's Fairfield Inn &
6 Suites on Hammond Drive in Atlanta when the first snowflakes began to fall; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as the day progressed and the road conditions worsened, hotels around the city
8 began to fill as drivers realized they would likely be stranded for the night; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as drivers began to call the Fairfield Inn & Suites in a panic looking for a room,
10 the staff had the unfortunate task of telling callers there were no vacancies; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as the night grew colder, the streets became slicker with ice and more cars sat
12 motionless as vehicle accidents miles ahead of them made roads impassible; and
- 13 WHEREAS, people who were scared and cold sought refuge wherever they could, and on
14 that fateful night, numerous people were welcomed with open arms as they walked through
15 the doors of Fairfield Inn & Suites seeking a place to get warm; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Derrick and Anissa worked diligently to help stranded motorists despite the fact
17 that there were no rooms available at their hotel; and
- 18 WHEREAS, stranded motorists crowded into the hotel lobby and were brought blankets to
19 keep warm, provided with beverages and food, and given phones to call their loved ones; and

20 WHEREAS, after learning a guest was in dire need of his prescription medication, Derrick
21 walked a mile and a half to a nearby hospital at 3 a.m. to get the medicine; and

22 WHEREAS, after the long, stressful night Anissa helped the hotel's unofficial guests
23 welcome the day with a hot breakfast; and

24 WHEREAS, the amazing kindness and consideration displayed by Derrick and Anissa stand
25 as a testament to good citizenship and these amazing Georgians truly exemplify the
26 generosity of spirit which defines Southern hospitality.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize Derrick Cody and Anissa Teal for their compassion and kindness towards others.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Derrick Cody, Anissa Teal, and the
31 Fairfield Inn & Suites on Hammond Drive.