

## Senate Resolution 961

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Davis of the 22nd, Beach of the 21st, Sims of the 12th, Albers of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2013 Child Fatality Review Committee of the Year and  
2 Prevention Team Award, Cherokee County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cherokee County was recognized as having the 2013 Child Fatality Review  
4 (CFR) Committee of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, the Child Fatality Review Committee diligently set about its directives of  
6 meeting every month to review cases, submitting thorough reports of its findings, making  
7 recommendations to the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel, and initiating several  
8 prevention activities to reduce child death and injury; and

9 WHEREAS, the committee received outstanding community support for efforts to initiate  
10 a partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and  
11 Healthy Children to provide local agencies with the Period of Purple Crying educational  
12 videos and to provide an all day training session on abusive head trauma; and

13 WHEREAS, the committee partnered with local news publications, high school officials, and  
14 law enforcement officers to educate youth about sexual exploitation, sexual abuse penalties  
15 and prevention, bullying prevention, suicide prevention, and the dangers of alcohol and drug  
16 abuse; it also encouraged school staff to take the Darkness to Light Training offered by the  
17 Anna Crawford Child Advocacy Center; and

18 WHEREAS, the CFR committee and the Office of the District Attorney hosted a table at the  
19 Night Out Against Crime, providing information on infant safe sleep, abusive head trauma  
20 awareness and prevention, teen suicide prevention, teen dating violence, and Internet safety;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Juvenile Court, which is a member of the CFR committee,  
23 offers two prevention programs: the Teen Driving Impact Panel and the Alcohol and Drug

24 Impact Panel, and the goal of these programs is to prevent teen fatalities or serious injury due  
25 to traffic offenses and substance abuse; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity  
27 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary committee.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 join together to recognize the Child Fatality Review Committee of the Year and Prevention  
30 Team Award for 2013 from Cherokee County and commend its members for their  
31 outstanding service to their community and this state.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Child Fatality Review Committee of  
34 the Year and Prevention Team, Cherokee County.