

Senate Resolution 1038

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Stephen Cooper; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Stephen Cooper, leader of the Columbus State University chapter of the  
3 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), made history as the  
4 first Columbus student elected president of the organization's Georgia Youth and College  
5 Division; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was elected to the state-wide position on January 25, 2014, during the state  
7 NAACP's 1st Quarterly Meeting and Training Institute in Statesboro, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a junior political science major, Stephen has been a member of the college  
9 chapter since 2012 and chapter president for almost a year; and
- 10 WHEREAS, prior to serving as president, he served as the chapter's political actions chair  
11 for a year and a half; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Stephen decided to join the organization to follow in the footsteps of W.E.B.  
13 Du Bois, an African American sociologist, historian, and civil rights activist who co-founded  
14 the organization in 1909; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to the NAACP, Stephen also has participated in the university's  
16 student government, residents life, the orientation team, and the Columbus State University  
17 Diversity Advisory Board; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he plans to educate other young people about their history and the importance  
19 of getting involved in the political process and hopes to persuade more of his peers to join  
20 the NAACP; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
22 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize and commend Stephen Cooper for his outstanding accomplishments as president  
25 of the NAACP Georgia Youth and College Division and express to him their most sincere  
26 best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Stephen Cooper.