

Senate Resolution 1142

By: Senator Albers of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Nathan Rittenhouse; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Nathan Rittenhouse was born July 1, 1989 in Richmond, Virginia, to David and
3 Leigh Rittenhouse; and
- 4 WHEREAS, from a very young age, David and Leigh had identified a tremendous,
5 God-given talent within Nathan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Nathan developed a passion for computer science at the age of eight, however,
7 due to the fact there were no classes or curricula available within the public school system,
8 his parents had to find alternative opportunities for Nathan to learn on his own, including
9 taking classes at Georgia State University and the Atlanta Art Institute and computer camps
10 at Emory and Oglethorpe University; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he later began to specialize in computer security and has spoken at national and
12 global conferences on topics ranging from host-based firewall security to automating attacks
13 against software vulnerabilities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 11th grade, Nathan traveled to Oslo, Norway, to speak at a security
15 conference about the work that he had done breaking the Symantec and Microsoft firewalls;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, he attended Fulton Science Academy, which provided a supportive environment
18 for him to work on incredible projects for science fairs, and then graduated from North
19 Springs High School and was in the school's math-science magnet program; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Nathan was subsequently accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of
21 Technology's undergraduate program, where he specialized in the intersection of computer

22 security and program analysis; he simultaneously earned a bachelor of science degree in
23 computer science and a master's degree in engineering; and

24 WHEREAS, his master's thesis focused on efficient discovery of system level software
25 vulnerabilities, and his research was funded by DARPA for the purpose of preventing cyber
26 attacks; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend Nathan Rittenhouse for his extraordinary talents and express to him
31 their best wishes for continued success.

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 Nathan Rittenhouse.