

Senate Resolution 1182

By: Senator Crane of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Maggie Shiffert; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Maggie Shiffert has proven to be an exemplary young citizen, best
3 illustrated by her vast and noteworthy academic, athletic, extracurricular, and religious
4 accolades and contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, at the young age of 14, Ms. Shiffert was one of the first ninth grade students to
6 be dual-enrolled under the ACCEL Program, which allows freshmen in high school to pursue
7 postsecondary study at approved public and private colleges and technical colleges while
8 receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed; her
9 particular set of facts was the genesis for the changes to the ACCEL regulations to allow
10 qualified high school students from ninth through twelfth grades to participate in the
11 program; and

12 WHEREAS, at the culmination of the academic year, Ms. Shiffert is expected to earn an
13 associate's degree with high honors from Clayton State University and a high school diploma
14 from Northgate High School, where she has worked diligently to earn the distinction of class
15 valedictorian; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Shiffert was selected from thousands of applicants nationwide as the
17 recipient of the United States Department of State National Security Language Initiative for
18 Youth scholarship program whereby she studied the language and culture of China in
19 Chengdu, China, last summer during which she was mentored by the director of conservation
20 of the influential organization Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding; and

21 WHEREAS, she was recently selected to serve as the Youth Ambassador to Ayr, Scotland,
22 as a member of the Centre Masterworks Chorale, and was chosen as one of only 20
23 University of Georgia Honors Program and the Center for Undergraduate Research
24 Opportunities Promising Scholars; and

25 WHEREAS, her avid and tireless involvement in various prestigious organizations and
26 initiatives, including the Georgia Department of Education Superintendent's Student
27 Advisory Council; Georgia All-State Chorus and other honors choruses; countless academic
28 honors societies; gymnastics teams; and a plethora of seminary and community service
29 organizations prove her immense impact and unparalleled community involvement.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Ms. Maggie Shiffert for her extraordinary scholastic accomplishments and express
32 to her their sincerest best wishes for continued happiness and success in the future.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Maggie Shiffert.