

Senate Resolution 36

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd, Fort of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the New Tradition Martial Arts School and Master Rickey Murray for
2 excellence in instructing children and adults alike in the martial arts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Master Rickey Murray, also known as "The Professor," has won five Karate
4 World Championships using his style of Karate, Goju Ryu; and

5 WHEREAS, he has earned many other titles, including The Federation of International
6 Karate Association World Title in 1997, AAU Tae Kwon Do National Title in 1999, NBL
7 World Title in 2009, WKC World Title in 2011, and the WKA Teams World Title in 2012;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Master Murray has earned spots on the SES National Karate Team, the 2000
10 and the 2006 through 2012 WKA USA National Team, the 2004 through 2005 IAKSA-USA
11 National Team, and the 2011 WKC-USA National Team; and

12 WHEREAS, he is not only a sixth degree black belt but also a teacher of the martial arts at
13 his New Tradition Martial Arts School in Riverdale, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Master Murray has been inducted into the 2004 Sport Karate Living Legends
15 Black Belt Hall of Fame, the American Freestyle Karate Association, the Black Belt Hall of
16 Fame, the Outstanding Martial Artist Kuroshi-do Hall of Fame, and the Elite Legion of
17 Honor Kuroshi-do Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, New Tradition Martial Arts School is a Partner in Education with Clayton
19 County Public Schools, encouraging its students to take advantage of the benefits martial arts
20 has to offer, such as self-discipline, self-defense, focus, concentration, and a positive attitude.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Master Rickey Murray and the New Tradition Martial Arts School for the positive
23 influence Master Murray and the school have had on the community.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Master Rickey
26 Murray.