

Senate Resolution 63

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Orrock of the 36th, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlanta Hawks; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Hawks have represented the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia
3 with honor in their sportsmanship and pursuit of excellence on the basketball court, and with
4 distinction as a symbol around the nation and the world; and

5 WHEREAS, the Hawks have been a part of the Atlanta Sports Family since 1968, when they
6 moved to Georgia from St. Louis just ten years after winning the franchise's only NBA title;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Hawks provide an economic boost for the City of Atlanta and the
9 State of Georgia, and the team is a major part of the sporting events that have generated \$1.8
10 billion in economic impact to the metro area in the last ten years; and

11 WHEREAS, Phillips Arena is the number one sports and entertainment venue in the
12 southeastern United States, home to nearly two million visitors and fans every year, hosts of
13 concerts and events with global stars and corporations, and an anchor to Atlanta's Central
14 Business District; and

15 WHEREAS, Atlanta Hawks Chief Executive Officer Steve Koonin and the members of his
16 leadership team, David Lee, EVP, Garin Narain, and Andrea Carter, have been instrumental
17 in keeping the Atlanta Hawks in Atlanta, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, Dominique Wilkins, the all-time leading scorer in Hawks history and a member
19 of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, has been a positive role model for the
20 sport and a productive member of his community with local and national charity endeavors,
21 including his efforts on diabetes prevention and increased awareness of the disease, testifying
22 before Congress on the need for a national strategy to help reduce diabetes and supporting
23 the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; and

24 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Hawks will surely continue to be successful on the basketball court
25 as well as be a positive influence on their communities and the economy of the City of
26 Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Atlanta Hawks, Dominique Wilkins, and Phillips Arena for their entertainment,
29 citizenship, and economic impact on the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Atlanta Hawks.