

Senate Resolution 83

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bethesda Academy and congratulating it on its 275th anniversary; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bethesda Academy, located in Savannah, Georgia, will celebrate its 275th
4 anniversary this year, which is a landmark milestone for this iconic boarding and day school
5 for boys in grades six through 12; and

6 WHEREAS, Bethesda Academy was founded in 1740 by Reverend George Whitefield as a
7 home for boys, and it has the distinction of being America's oldest child caring institute; and

8 WHEREAS, it is located on a lush 650-acre campus overlooking Moon River, just 11 miles
9 from historic downtown Savannah, and this beautiful campus is dotted with original
10 structures and pathways that have withstood the test of time; and

11 WHEREAS, Bethesda Academy is AdvanceEd accredited; 95 percent of its students graduate
12 on time, and 87 percent go on to higher education; and

13 WHEREAS, this values-laden educational institution has raised the bar when it comes to
14 educating Georgia's young men, emphasizing its founding mission to teach "a love for God,
15 a love of learning, and a strong work ethic," and designing its curriculum around the way that
16 boys learn most effectively; and

17 WHEREAS, Bethesda Academy does not receive any state funding to operate and relies on
18 private donations, external scholarship programs such as the Georgia GOAL Scholarship
19 Program, annual fundraising events, and a collection of on-campus business enterprises that
20 cumulatively help meet the school's annual budget; and

21 WHEREAS, the school features a wildlife management program, an on-site video production
22 studio, an organic farming program, and a nationally-ranked chess team; and

23 WHEREAS, the school's faculty and staff are dedicated to providing the best education for
24 their students and guiding them to become strong young men who exemplify the school's
25 mission, making it fitting and proper for Bethesda Academy to be recognized upon the grand
26 occasion of its 275th anniversary.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Bethesda Academy upon the grand occasion of its 275th anniversary and wish it
29 many more years of providing stellar education to the young men of Savannah, 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 Bethesda Academy.