

Senate Resolution 101

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st and Williams of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Sydney Ridings; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Sydney Ridings on November 28, 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, Sydney was 11 years old when she was diagnosed with a rare bone cancer
5 called Ewing's sarcoma in August, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Sydney endured a back surgery two weeks before her first day of middle school,
7 and as a result of her ongoing display of perseverance and determination, her family adopted
8 the motto "Sydney Strong"; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to being crowned the winner of the Outstanding Teen division at the
10 Miss Apple Capital Pageant, she received the Spirit of Miss Apple Capital Award for
11 exhibiting "genuine passion, character, and beauty, while inspiring others to do their best";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Sydney was kind, tenderhearted, compassionate, smart, talented, driven,
14 competitive, and respectful, and she wanted to be known as the teen with the ability to see
15 beyond the disappointments in life through faith; and

16 WHEREAS, in February, 2014, Sydney inspired a benefit for St. Baldrick's Foundation,
17 during which more than 60 people shaved their heads or donated some of their hair in order
18 to raise donations, and this event raised around \$25,000 for cancer research; and

19 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous young lady, Sydney will long be remembered
20 for her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
21 knowing her.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 join in honoring the life and memory of Sydney Ridings and express their deepest and most
24 sincere regret at her passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the family of Sydney Ridings.