

Senate Resolution 343

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Shawn B. Thomas for her dedicated work in her community; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Shawn B. Thomas is the Dean of the Georgia campuses of Ohio Christian
4 University and is a native of Gretna, Florida, born to former Mayors Earnest O. Barkley, Jr.,
5 and Helen D. Franks; and

6 WHEREAS, she is a Bachelor of Science graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
7 University with a major in Business Economics, an Executive Master of Business
8 Administration graduate of Mercer University with a concentration in International Business,
9 and a Doctor of Philosophy graduate of Capella University with a major in Organization and
10 Management, concentration in Management Education, and postgraduate certification in
11 College Teaching; and

12 WHEREAS, on a part-time basis, she teaches business, international business, and
13 management courses at the undergraduate level in the traditional and online university
14 environments and has taught financial education courses in corporate America; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas offers more than 22 years of progressively challenging experience
16 and acceleration management in academic, banking and financial, and large-scale retail
17 environments; and

18 WHEREAS, she has served on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee for Midtown
19 Assistance Center in Atlanta, Georgia; is employed by Ohio Christian University, a nonprofit
20 university that serves Clayton, Fayette, Henry, and Spalding counties in a variety of
21 capacities; has created a mini-food bank within the school for students in need; and also
22 refers students to local agencies for assistance when they are in distress; and

23 WHEREAS, she served Mundy's Mill High School as their baccalaureate speaker,
24 participates in career and college events at local high schools to ensure that students have
25 viable options after graduation, volunteers for various community events such as the
26 Traveler's Rest Baptist Church First Annual Job Fair which was aimed at relieving
27 unemployment in Clayton County, and serves on the Small Business Development
28 Committee at the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce; and

29 WHEREAS, she is the educational arm of International Covenant Christian Churches and
30 co-directs the youth ministry with her husband, Reverend Ronnie M. Thomas, at Divine Faith
31 Ministries International in Jonesboro, Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas and her husband have been blessed with four children, Jordyn,
33 Axel, Shiloh, and Ronnie III.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Dr. Shawn B. Thomas for her dedicated work in her community.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Shawn B.
38 Thomas.