

Senate Resolution 364

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Shafer of the 48th, Thompson of the 5th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Andrew Toney for being an outstanding citizen through his contributions to
2 the community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Andrew Toney is being honored because of the dedication and commitment to
4 the community that he has displayed as the lead program facilitator for the Gwinnett County
5 School System's Project Reconnect and Community Based Mentoring Program; and

6 WHEREAS, Andrew Toney attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana and
7 graduated in three years with a bachelor's degree in education while also playing college
8 basketball; after graduate school, Mr. Toney entered into the National Basketball Association
9 draft and was drafted in the first round as the eighth pick to the Philadelphia 76ers; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Toney helped the Philadelphia 76ers win an Eastern Conference title
11 followed by an NBA World Championship, before retiring from the NBA and moving his
12 family to Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, Andrew Toney's passion for education has transitioned him from working in
14 various areas of education around Gwinnett County; he began his education career in
15 Gwinnett in 1994 as a physical education teacher at Peachtree Elementary School and was
16 the health teacher at Peachtree Elementary from 2004-2008; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Toney accepted the opportunity to become an instructional coach
18 for Gwinnett County Public Schools in the Community Based Mentoring Program, which
19 connects caring adults in the community with middle school boys whose attendance and
20 behavior cause an adverse impact on their grades and classroom performance; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Toney's current position as the lead program facilitator of Project
22 Reconnect has allowed him to use his passion and skills to offer opportunities for leadership,

23 communication, and teamwork for his students and to prepare them for today's global
24 society; and

25 WHEREAS, Andrew Toney has gone above and beyond expectations for his role as the lead
26 program facilitator of Project Reconnect, personally benefiting the lives of countless students
27 by maintaining a continually active role in the Gwinnett community.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Andrew Toney for being an outstanding citizen through his contributions to the
30 community.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Andrew Toney.