

Senate Resolution 601

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Madison McMichael, Elizabeth Robinson, and Margaret Shin, winners of the
2 David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest has sought to encourage Georgia's
4 high school students to think critically about the importance of character and our core
5 American values; and

6 WHEREAS, under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-145), public schools are required to provide
7 character development programming to all students with a focus on developing the following
8 character traits, such as courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others,
9 kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence,
10 generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment,
11 respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship loyalty, perseverance, and virtue;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, this year's essay topic asked students to write about a figure in American history
14 who exemplified those core values; and

15 WHEREAS, this year's competition received 270 submissions from outstanding students
16 across the State of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, out of all contestants in the State of Georgia, Madison McMichael of Columbus
18 High School in Columbus, Georgia, exceeded all others in both the quality of her writing and
19 in her appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, and earned first place in the
20 scholarship contest; and

21 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, but one, Elizabeth Robinson
22 of Ola High School in McDonough, Georgia, exceeded all others in both the quality of her

23 writing and in her appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, and earned
24 second place in the scholarship contest; and

25 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, but two, Margaret Shin of
26 Johns Creek High School in Johns Creek, Georgia, exceeded all others in both the quality of
27 her writing and in her appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, and earned
28 third place in the scholarship contest.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Madison McMichael, Elizabeth Robinson, and Margaret Shin for winning the
31 David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the above-named
34 individuals.