

Senate Resolution 611

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Zoe Hollinshead; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Zoe Hollinshead is a 17 year-old senior at Westlake High School and has been
3 dancing for 13 years, competitively for seven years; she was a member of the Spelman
4 College Dance and Drama Institute and when that company closed, she joined the dance
5 company of DanceMakers of Atlanta where she has been a company member for six years;
6 she was named regional outstanding dancer at her very first competition and has placed in
7 nearly every dance competition that she has entered; and

8 WHEREAS, Zoe has accomplished something that is merely a fantasy for many aspiring
9 dancers around the world by getting accepted to The Julliard School in dance; The Julliard
10 School is one of the world's most renowned and recognized private, premier arts
11 conservatory colleges; and

12 WHEREAS, each year The Julliard School only selects 6 percent of its applicant pool for the
13 Dance Department, which equates to 12 women and 12 men out of a pool of over 1,000
14 applicants from about 40 different countries; students train for years just to have the
15 opportunity to audition and are sometimes cut before the end of the class portion of the
16 audition; advanced skill is required; and

17 WHEREAS, Zoe is likely the only dance student from Georgia to be offered admission and
18 is one of very few African Americans selected, if not the only African American female
19 selected this year; this is a unique and amazing accomplishment for Zoe, her family, her
20 dance school, her community, and her state; and

21 WHEREAS, Zoe Hollinshead is an Atlanta native; she is the daughter of Lawrence and Pam
22 Hollinshead; she attended Renaissance Montessori School on Cascade Road and Sandtown
23 Elementary and now attends Westlake High School in unincorporated Fulton County; and

24 WHEREAS, she has been attending DanceMakers of Atlanta on Cascade Road since 2009;
25 DanceMakers of Atlanta is well known in the dance community and is recognized as one of
26 the top five dance studios in North America, the only one of which is African American;
27 many of their alumni work as professional dancers on Broadway and television and in
28 concert companies; and

29 WHEREAS, even with an aggressive dance-training schedule, Zoe has been able to maintain
30 excellent grades and participate in other school activities; as a senior at Westlake High
31 School she is ranked number 20 out of 400 students and maintains a 3.6 GPA; and

32 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation toward the future of this
33 bright and promising young citizen.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Zoe Hollinshead for her outstanding accomplishments in the art of dance and
36 extend to her their most sincere best wishes.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Zoe Hollinshead.