

Senate Resolution 1092

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Georgia High School for Accelerated Learning for its
2 leadership and commitment to serving young adults in Fulton County who have recently
3 dropped out or are at risk of dropping out of high school with an innovative, nontraditional,
4 and supportive program; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia High School for Accelerated Learning is to help
6 at-risk students earn a standard high school diploma and prepare for postsecondary success;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the high school dropout challenge is not unique to Fulton County and is
9 substantially similar to many urban school districts in America; and

10 WHEREAS, there are many effective solutions delivered by public school systems and other
11 mentoring organizations for at-risk students who need the guidance and support to graduate
12 from a public high school; and

13 WHEREAS, there are many public high school students who have children, need to work to
14 support families, or have other circumstances and barriers in their lives that prevent them
15 from being successful in a traditional public high school setting; and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of these challenges, students who need this program and students
17 who typically enroll in these schools are 17 to 18-year-olds with 12 or less previously earned
18 high school credits; are reading at or below the 8th grade level; are two to three years behind
19 their 9th grade cohorts; perform at the lowest two levels on standardized tests; and are in
20 need of special services, as 10 percent to 20 percent need special education accommodations,
21 12 percent to 20 percent are English language learners, and 8 percent to 12 percent are
22 parenting, pregnant, or caring for other children; and

23 WHEREAS, schools using this unique instructional model and support services will partner
24 with high school principals and will be regarded as resources to the public school system for
25 students who need the services and support in this nontraditional option; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 institution be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend and recognize the Georgia High School for Accelerated Learning for its leadership
30 and commitment to serving young adults in Fulton County who have recently dropped out
31 or are at risk of dropping out of high school with an innovative, nontraditional, and
32 supportive program.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia High
35 School for Accelerated Learning.