

Senate Resolution 1105

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the winners of the David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest; and for other
2 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 core American
5 values; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, this year's competition received 204 submissions from outstanding students
15 across the State of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, Jason Park of Northview
17 High School in Duluth, Georgia, excelled in both the quality of his writing and in his
18 appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, earning him first place in the
19 scholarship contest; and

20 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, TK Nguyen of Gwinnett
21 School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology in Lawrenceville, Georgia, excelled in both
22 the quality of his writing and in his appreciation of the values promoted by this competition,
23 earning him second place in the scholarship contest; and

24 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, Linsey Sauls of Pierce
25 County High School in Blackshear, Georgia, excelled in both the quality of her writing and
26 in her appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, earning her third place in the
27 scholarship contest; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of these
29 individuals be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 congratulate the winners of the David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest and wish them
32 continued academic success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Jason Park, TK
35 Nguyen, and Linsey Sauls.