

Senate Resolution 1178

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) and its member teams; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2003, Roswell High School was the first public school in Georgia to offer
4 fencing as a high school club sport, and provided the foundation for the establishment of the
5 Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) the following year; and

6 WHEREAS, the GHSFL offers the organization, support, and guidance to high schools
7 wishing to develop a fencing program, providing students the opportunity to participate in
8 a classical sport that demands physical fitness and teaches patience and decisiveness; and

9 WHEREAS, USA Fencing, the sport's national governing body, recognizes the GHSFL as
10 the fastest growing high school fencing league in the United States, and as the 3rd largest
11 such league in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, from a field of over 400 fencers who participated in the 2015-2016 GHSFL
13 season tournaments, 77 men and 65 women attending 16 of the 20 high schools in the league
14 were among those who qualified to participate in the 2016 Individual Championships hosted
15 by Johns Creek High School on February 20, 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, in both the men's and women's competitions, the top eight finalists were
17 awarded individual championship medals; and

18 WHEREAS, Alpharetta High School fencers Arthur Yu and Brian Cai captured 1st and 2nd
19 place, respectively, in the men's competition, and Arthur Yu is the first freshman in the
20 league's history to receive the gold medal in individual men's competition; and

21 WHEREAS, Alpharetta High School fencer Safi Haider and Anthony Martin of Roswell
22 High School tied for 3rd place, and rounding out the top eight were Patrick Malloy of

23 Northview High School in 5th place, Brandon Cho of Chattahoochee High School in 6th,
24 Matt Klinger of Lassiter High School in 7th, and Keegan Ellington of Pope High School in
25 8th; and

26 WHEREAS, in the women's competition, Elina Moon of Chattahoochee High School and
27 Erin Maurer of Pope High School won 1st and 2nd place, respectively, and Centennial High
28 School fencer Maggie Fritts and Ana Cristian of Pope High School tied for 3rd place; and

29 WHEREAS, Caroline Kwon of Johns Creek High School finished in 5th place, Haley
30 Tinsley of Alpharetta High School in 6th, Kylie Fuller of Dunwoody High School in 7th, and
31 Gabriela Reilly of Lassiter High School in 8th; and

32 WHEREAS the team championships were held at Chattahoochee High School on
33 February 27, 2016, and in both the men's and women's competitions, the top four teams were
34 awarded team championship trophies; and

35 WHEREAS, the Alpharetta High School team of Arthur Yu, Brian Cai, Gavin Alatar, and
36 Safi Haider captured 1st place in men's competition, while the Pope High School team of
37 Ana Cristian, Erin Maurer, Lyndsay Wagner, and Sydney Higginbotham won 1st place in
38 women's competition; and

39 WHEREAS, the teams from Lassiter High School, Johns Creek High School, and Roswell
40 High School finished in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place, respectively, in the men's competition, and
41 in the women's competition the Cambridge High School team captured 2nd place,
42 Chattahoochee High School took 3rd place, and Alpharetta High School finished in 4th
43 place.

44 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
45 honor the Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) and its member teams and express
46 their support for the continued growth of the sport of fencing among Georgia high schools.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia High
49 School Fencing League.