

Senate Resolution 1241

By: Senator Martin of the 9th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Neil Patram upon winning runner-up at the 55th Annual Georgia Association  
2 of Educator's State Spelling Bee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Neil Patram of Crews Middle School competed against 19 students and  
4 correctly spelled 11 words to reach the final round of the 55th Annual Georgia Association  
5 of Educator's State Spelling Bee; and

6 WHEREAS, eighth-grader Neil was tripped up by "viridity" but correctly spelled "gestapo,"  
7 "falsetto," "piazza," "mage," "surveillance," "bastion," "serendipitous," "coffle," "garibaldi,"  
8 "volador," and "elysium"; and

9 WHEREAS, by finishing as runner-up in the final round, Neil won a trophy, an iPad mini,  
10 and \$500 for his exemplary spelling abilities; and

11 WHEREAS, he will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in  
12 May to serve as an alternate; and

13 WHEREAS, Neil has participated in spelling bees since the fourth grade and is supported in  
14 his efforts by his family, including his big brother who acts as his spelling coach; and

15 WHEREAS, this achievement is the culmination of hard work and dedication on the part of  
16 this outstanding student who deserves much credit for his dedication to academic excellence.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 congratulate Neil Patram upon winning runner-up at the 55th Annual Georgia Association  
19 of Educator's State Spelling Bee and wish him continued success in all of his endeavors.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Neil Patram.