

Senate Resolution 226

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, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, Madison Seagraves of  
15 Landmark Christian School in Fairburn, Georgia, excelled in both the quality of her writing  
16 and in her appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, earning her first place in  
17 the scholarship contest with her essay on World War I hero Alvin York; and

18 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, Angela Huang of Johns  
19 Creek High School excelled in both the quality of her writing and in her appreciation of the  
20 values promoted by this competition, earning her second place in the scholarship contest with  
21 her essay on Anne Sullivan; and

22 WHEREAS, out of all of the contestants in the State of Georgia, Pooja Prabakaran of  
23 Lassiter High School in Marietta, Georgia, excelled in both the quality of her writing and in

24 her appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, earning her third place in the  
25 scholarship contest with her essay on James Madison; and

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

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

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Madison Seagraves,  
33 Angela Huang, and Pooja Prabakaran.