

Senate Resolution 345

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 40 Under Forty Georgia Muslims; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many contributions have been made by influential Georgia Muslims who have
3 furthered the development of this state and nation; for over a century, the American Muslim
4 community has made significant accomplishments in the State of Georgia and the United
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, the 40 Under Forty Georgia Muslims is an initiative of the Islamic Speakers
7 Bureau of Atlanta; they are men and women "Continuing the Legacy; Changing the
8 Narrative" with their work, vision, compassion, dedication, and commitments to their
9 communities; they are continuing the legacy of their forefathers who contributed to the
10 advancement of human civilization while at the same time providing many narratives to
11 today's conversation about Islam and Muslims; and

12 WHEREAS, the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta envisions a world in which people of
13 diverse backgrounds are understood and respected and their contributions valued and in
14 which American Muslim communities play a vital role in promoting values of inclusion and
15 coexistence; and

16 WHEREAS, this year, Georgians join with influential Georgia Muslims throughout this state
17 to celebrate the legacy of influential Georgia Muslims and highlight the past and present
18 contributions to Georgia and the United States; as part of the American cultural and religious
19 tapestry, Georgia Muslim ancestry shares an appreciation for freedom and peace based on
20 a common respect for human dignity, prosperity, and democracy; and

21 WHEREAS, with diligence, fortitude, and an enduring belief in the American dream,
22 influential Georgia Muslims are playing a public role in promoting freedom and democracy;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia Muslims have become an integral part of American society and have
25 made important contributions in the fields of finance, technology, law, business, politics,
26 medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and the government, as well as
27 other areas; and

28 WHEREAS, as Georgia Muslims prepare for a new era and create new history, Muslims
29 commit to the appreciation of the courage and values of their forefathers, a deep sense of
30 their roots, and pride in their own heritage so that they may better contribute to the great
31 State of Georgia, rich with religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the 40 Under Forty Georgia Muslims for their contributions to the State of
34 Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the 40 Under Forty
37 Georgia Muslims.