

## Senate Resolution 941

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Martin of the 9th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and McKoon of the 29th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the winners of the annual David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the David Shafer Scholarship Essay Contest encourages Georgia's high school  
4 seniors to think critically about the importance of character and core American values; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, among all of the contestants, Liberty Schultz of Providence Christian Academy  
14 in Lilburn, Georgia, excelled in both the quality of her writing and in her appreciation of the  
15 values promoted by this competition, earning her first place in the scholarship contest with  
16 her essay on Eunice Kennedy Shriver; and

17 WHEREAS, Shiloh Smiles of George Walton Comprehensive High School in Marietta,  
18 Georgia, excelled in both the quality of his writing and in his appreciation of the values  
19 promoted by this competition, earning him second place in the scholarship contest with his  
20 essay on Sergeant Henry Johnson; and

21 WHEREAS, Derek Huell of Columbus High School excelled in both the quality of his  
22 writing and in his appreciation of the values promoted by this competition, earning him third  
23 place in the scholarship contest with his essay on Secretary Colin Powell; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of these  
25 bright and promising young citizens be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 congratulate the winners of the annual David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest and extend  
28 sincere best wishes for continued academic success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Liberty Schultz,  
31 Shiloh Smiles, and Derek Huell.