

## Senate Resolution 757

By: Senators Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th and Anavitarte of the 31st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Scott Holcombe as the 2026 Special Olympics Athlete of the Year and  
2 commending his extraordinary 55-year dedication to Special Olympics Georgia; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Scott Holcombe has exemplified the spirit of perseverance, sportsmanship,  
5 leadership, and joy through his lifelong participation in Special Olympics, earning him the  
6 distinguished honor of being named the 2026 Special Olympics Athlete of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, Scott began his remarkable journey with Special Olympics in 1971, just one  
8 year after the program was established in Georgia, demonstrating an unwavering  
9 commitment that has spanned more than five and a half decades; and

10 WHEREAS, over the course of 55 years, Scott has actively competed and excelled in an  
11 impressive array of sports, including basketball, track and field, swimming, bowling, golf,  
12 equestrian, volleyball, softball, and bocce, showcasing his versatility, athletic talent, and  
13 relentless competitive drive; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1971, Scott was among a select group of five athletes from Carrollton Parks  
15 and Recreation who had the privilege of attending a special event featuring Ethel Kennedy

16 and Rosalynn Carter as honored guests, marking an early milestone in Georgia's Special  
17 Olympics history and highlighting Scott's place in the program's foundational years; and

18 WHEREAS, Scott Holcombe is renowned among his peers and coaches for his highly  
19 competitive nature, natural leadership qualities, and infectious enthusiasm—he consistently  
20 brings positivity, good sportsmanship, and a genuine sense of fun to every event and practice;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Scott takes great pride in his extensive collection of trophies, ribbons, medals,  
23 and other accolades earned through hard work and determination, serving as tangible  
24 symbols of his achievements and inspiring countless others in the Special Olympics  
25 community; and

26 WHEREAS, Scott's enduring participation embodies the core values of Special  
27 Olympics—courage, dignity, respect, and empowerment—and has positively impacted  
28 fellow athletes, families, volunteers, and communities across Georgia for generations; and

29 WHEREAS, such extraordinary dedication and accomplishment deserve formal recognition  
30 from the State of Georgia and its Senate.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 congratulate Scott Holcombe on being named the 2026 Special Olympics Athlete of the Year  
33 and extend their deepest appreciation for his 55 years of outstanding service, leadership, and  
34 inspiration through Special Olympics Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Scott Holcombe.