

Senate Resolution 31

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the accomplishments of Springfield Central High School's basketball program;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Springfield Central High School opened in 1956 under the leadership of
4 Principal Clifton Allen Wiggins and was the first consolidated high school for
5 African-Americans in Effingham County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Springfield Central High School's boys' and girls' basketball teams
7 established and maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character
8 and academics until the school's closing in 1989; and

9 WHEREAS, the teams brought special recognition to the school and to Effingham County,
10 by winning numerous District IX and state championships; and

11 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team was a clear indication of the
12 outstanding athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit
13 of each member who played on teams under the astute direction of head coaches, H.W.B.
14 Smith, Jr., Marion Dingle, and Georgia Barley; and

15 WHEREAS, despite not having a gymnasium until 1958, Springfield Central High School
16 still considered basketball competitions as an important part of the school's mission to serve
17 as a social institution as well as a place of learning; and

18 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
19 performing with courage and precision, it is abundantly proper to memorialize them for their
20 grand accomplishments.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend the Springfield Central High School basketball program for its outstanding legacy
23 and extend their most sincere best wishes for the future of its players and coaches.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Springfield
26 Central High School basketball program.