

Senate Resolution 280

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Derek Willis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most
3 important objective of the General Assembly; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Derek Willis is a highly praised media specialist with more than 30 years
5 of experience in the library and information science field and more than 26 years of
6 experience in the DeKalb County School District; and

7 WHEREAS, he tirelessly directs an extraordinary amount of time and talent toward guiding
8 students to a brighter future and has earned numerous grants to enhance the school's media
9 center services to support student educational goals and achievement; and

10 WHEREAS, some of his finest achievements include the establishment of the DeKalb
11 County Schools First Laptop Lending Library, making laptops accessible for students and
12 closing the gap in access to technology, as well as the founding of the State of Georgia
13 Chapter of the Georgia Association of Media Assistants; and

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14 WHEREAS, for his service as a commissioned officer in the United States Army providing
15 opportunities for candidates to receive educational assistance for college, he was recognized
16 by the United States Army Recruiting Command of Atlanta; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Willis has earned distinction for excellence as a result of his dedication to
18 his students and his profession, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor
19 the extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding
20 individual.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize and commend Dr. Derek Willis for his many contributions on behalf of the youth
23 of Georgia and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

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 Dr. Derek Willis.