

Senate Resolution 1222

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Pope High School and Lassiter High School fencing  
2 teams; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 season was the ninth year of the Georgia High School Fencing  
4 League, the oldest high school fencing league in the State of Georgia and the third largest in  
5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, this year, 375 fencers from 17 high schools participated in the league, and Pope  
7 High School and Lassiter High School have been members since its inception; and

8 WHEREAS, Pope High School finished the season in first place in the Men's Championships  
9 and second place in the Women's Championships; and

10 WHEREAS, in individual women's competition, Pope High School fencer Katie Van Riper  
11 won the first place medal for the 2013-2014 season in the women's competition and is the  
12 first GHSFL fencer to take first place for three years in a row; she finished third and seventh  
13 in two North American Circuit fencing competitions, finished 48th in the 2014 U.S. Junior  
14 Women's Epee Championship, and is currently ranked 90th in the United States for Junior  
15 Women's Epee; and

16 WHEREAS, in individual men's competition, Pope High School fencers Luben Jelezarov  
17 won first place and Ian Lenthart won second place; and

18 WHEREAS, Luben won second place at the 2013 Bulgarian Nationals Junior Epee and is  
19 currently ranked ninth in Bulgaria for Junior Men's Epee; he finished 26th of 180 at the  
20 January, 2014, North American Circuit Junior Men's Epee, and is currently ranked 75th in  
21 the United States for Junior Men's Epee; and

22 WHEREAS, Ian Lenthart has been on the GHSFL Men's Championship team three times,  
23 winning two gold medals and one silver medal; he holds a B-Rating in Epee and a C-Rating  
24 in Foil; and

25 WHEREAS, Lassiter High School finished tenth in the men's team competition and eighth  
26 in the women's team competition; and

27 WHEREAS, Lassiter High School's Joey Marques finished 14th in the men's individual  
28 competition and Emilyn Prestwich finished 18th in the women's competition; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the hard work and dedication of both  
30 fencing teams be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend the Pope High School and Lassiter High School fencing teams and  
33 express their most sincere best wishes for the teams' continued success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Pope High School and Lassiter High  
36 School fencing teams.