

Senate Resolution 1242

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia High School Fencing League; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Fencing League has been holding tournaments for ten
3 seasons since the 2004-2005 school year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a total of 1,392 students have competed in the GHSFL over those ten seasons;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, past GHSFL fencers have graduated and gone on to fence at the collegiate level
7 for distinguished universities such as Brown University, Massachusetts Institute of
8 Technology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, New York University, United
9 States Air Force Academy, and Columbia University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, two of the 2014 GHSFL seniors will be fencing in the NCAA next year for
11 Northwestern University and Sacred Heart University; and
- 12 WHEREAS, GHSFL fencers have been selected for the USA Fencing All-Academic Team
13 every year since 2007, and many GHSFL fencers are in the top 10 percent of their classes
14 and are National Honor Society members; and
- 15 WHEREAS, fencing is both a classic art and an excellent sport through which participants
16 improve coordination, agility, balance, flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular endurance;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, fencing imparts a number of psychological benefits, including stress relief,
19 observation of strategy, development of judgment and deduction skills, as well as building
20 problem-solving capabilities; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia High School Association sanctions sports and activities to promote
22 good sportsmanship and a cooperative spirit among its membership.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 salute the sport of fencing and express its hope that the sport might one day be recognized
25 as a GHSA sanctioned activity because of the sport's physical and mental benefits to and
26 development of student participants.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution the Georgia High School Fencing League.