

Senate Resolution 1259

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jakeenan Gant; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jakeenan Gant, a senior basketball player at Effingham County High School,
3 has signed with the University of Missouri; and

4 WHEREAS, Jakeenan enjoyed a fine basketball season his sophomore year and then stepped
5 up further at the 2012 Peach Jam, proving to be one of the class of 2014's most impressive
6 run/jump athletes; and

7 WHEREAS, he was approached by several colleges and universities looking to sign one of
8 the most successful Georgia athletes; these schools included the Georgia Institute of
9 Technology, the University of Georgia, the University of Cincinnati, Clemson University,
10 Marquette University, the University of Mississippi, Xavier University, and George Mason
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, this six-foot-eight power forward is ranked 53rd on ESPN's Top 100
13 Recruitment List and has averaged 19.3 points per game on Effingham County's varsity
14 basketball team; and

15 WHEREAS, Jakeenan has better than average ball handling for his size and can shoot from
16 15 feet consistently; he looks more comfortable facing the basket than with his back to it, but
17 his athleticism allows him to score in the paint with polished moves; and

18 WHEREAS, his high school basketball career is ending with one very large honor as he has
19 been named the Atlanta Tipoff Club's 2014 State Player of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, Jakeenan has had 12 double-doubles and scored at least 36 points in three
21 games, twice netting 38 points; he has also had two triple-doubles of more than ten points,
22 rebounds, and blocked shots in a game; and

23 WHEREAS, he was also named the Region 3-AAAAA player of the year by region coaches;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, as this magnificent player has earned his well-deserved reputation for
26 excellence by performing with precision and dedication over months of training and
27 competition, it is abundantly proper to call him a champion.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Jakeenan Gant for his outstanding accomplishments as a Georgia
30 high school basketball player and express to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
31 success at the University of Missouri.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jakeenan Gant.