

Senate Resolution 161

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS); and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences is a comprehensive body of research,
3 knowledge, and skills and helps people make informed decisions about their well-being,
4 relationships, and resources to achieve their optimal quality of life; and

5 WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals, with a unique focus on families,
6 work, and their interrelationships, empower individuals and families to manage the
7 challenges of living and working in a diverse global society; and

8 WHEREAS, national, state, and local policy makers, education administrators, and the public
9 need an understanding of the scope of Family and Consumer Sciences and its direct
10 relevance to serious societal concerns today, such as obesity, food safety, financial literacy,
11 the complexities of family life, and the role of parents, caregivers, and other adults in
12 preparing children for school readiness; and

13 WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals provide relevant content for
14 students preparing for careers in teaching, human services, and a variety of other careers; and

15 WHEREAS, federal, state, and local decision makers strongly influence allocation of funds
16 for Family and Consumer Sciences as well as administrative and curricular structure at all
17 levels; and

18 WHEREAS, the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), communities,
19 and other entities within FCS support the development and implementation of initiatives to
20 promote uniform name recognition of Family and Consumer Sciences, and a greater
21 understanding of the important role of Family and Consumer Sciences education in preparing
22 families to successfully manage the many and varied challenges of everyday life.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize the affiliates, communities, and other entities within Family and Consumer
25 Sciences, and support and facilitate the development and implementation of national, state,
26 and local intervention strategies to sustain Family and Consumer Sciences in the current
27 economic and education environment.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Family and
30 Consumer Sciences.