

Senate Resolution 274

By: Senator Jackson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chester Forsh; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
3 people, and Chester Forsh exemplifies the selfless dedication that is characteristic of our
4 finest educators; and

5 WHEREAS, more commonly known as Coach, Chester has been a pillar in the Douglas
6 County community since the early 1970s; he is the product of two incredibly hard-working
7 parents who faced great adversity in the South; and

8 WHEREAS, despite facing racism and segregation during much of his formative years, he
9 persevered and became the first Black head coach in the Douglas County School System,
10 where he has since coached year round; and

11 WHEREAS, during his 50-year tenure at Douglas County Comprehensive High School
12 (DCHS), Coach Forsh has collected many awards and accolades, including recognition as
13 the 1975, 1976, 1984, and 1987 Coach of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, as the varsity girl's head basketball coach, he has over 650 wins, an eight-year
15 streak of more than 20 victories, and 13 appearances in the state tournament; and

16 WHEREAS, while at DCHS, he has acquired two additional advanced degrees in education
17 and coached more than 100 student-athletes who went on to earn collegiate scholarships; and

18 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
19 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, Chester possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and
21 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare
24 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the
25 extraordinary accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding educator.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Chester Forsh for his distinguished career within the Douglas
28 County School System and extend best wishes for success in the future.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chester Forsh.