

Senate Resolution 785

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Emma Weyant for her monumental athletic achievements; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Emma Weyant is a nationally and internationally accomplished swimmer; and

4 WHEREAS, while in high school, Emma was named a four-time high school All-American,
5 four-time scholar-athlete, and three-time MVP. She was a four-time Florida 4A State
6 Champion in the 500 freestyle and 200 individual medley. Emma was also ranked No.1 in
7 the 400 individual medley for the 18 & Under World 100 ranking; and

8 WHEREAS, Emma is the 2018 Junior Pan Pac Champion in the 400 individual medley and
9 the 2019 U.S. National Champion in the 400 individual medley; and

10 WHEREAS, Emma, as a member of the U.S. National Team, was named to the United States
11 Olympic Swim Team for the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games where she won a Silver
12 Medal in the 400-meter individual medley; and

13 WHEREAS, Emma is a freshman on the University of Virginia women's swim team. During
14 her time with the team, Emma has placed in numerous events, including winning the 500

15 freestyle and placing second in the 400 individual medley at the Atlantic Coast Conference
16 Championships; and

17 WHEREAS, Emma competed at the 2022 NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving
18 Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, and on March 17, 2022, she competed in the 500-yard
19 freestyle, placing first among all biologically female swimmers with a time of 4:34.99; and

20 WHEREAS, a biologically male swimmer won the 500-yard freestyle after being allowed
21 to compete as a woman by the NCAA, resulting in Emma placing second in the event; and

22 WHEREAS, women deserve equal opportunities in athletics, and a man competing in
23 women-specific sports destroys these opportunities and takes away wins, awards, and
24 scholarships from deserving women.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Emma Weyant for her tremendous athletic accomplishments.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Emma Weyant.