

Senate Resolution 957

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, James of the 35th, Williams of the 39th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the B.E.S.T. Academy Fencers of the Georgia High School Fencing League;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since joining the Georgia High School Fencing League in 2015 under the
4 guidance of Principal Timothy D. Jones, Ed.D., and faculty sponsor and founder and CEO
5 of Life Lessons Coaching and Mentoring, Inc., Roderick Walker, M.S., the team has grown
6 to contain a total of 11 fencers; and

7 WHEREAS, the B.E.S.T. Academy fencers are the first team to represent Atlanta Public
8 Schools and to compete in monthly Georgia High School Fencing League tournaments
9 during the fencing season, with fencers earning points to qualify for the GHSFL Individual
10 Championship and for the GHSFL Team Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, Freeman earned 179 points for the 2017-2018 Season, with one gold medal and
12 one bronze medal awarded in regular season tournaments, and finished 47th in the 2018
13 Individual Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, Harris earned 156 points for the 2017-2018 Season, with one bronze medal
15 awarded in a regular season tournament, and finished 25th in the 2018 Individual
16 Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, Torrance earned 121 points for the 2017-2018 Season with one bronze medal
18 awarded in a regular season tournament, and finished 14th in the 2018 Individual
19 Championship; and

20 WHEREAS, in the 2018 Team Championship, Captain Harris' team, Torrance, and Jones
21 finished in 10th place; and

22 WHEREAS, Harris, who is currently dual enrolled at Atlanta Technical College, will
23 graduate with honors from the B.E.S.T. Academy, will attend the Georgia Institute of
24 Technology and study Robotics Engineering, and plans to participate in the fencing club
25 there; and

26 WHEREAS, Torrance, who is currently dual enrolled at Atlanta Technical College, will
27 graduate with honors from the B.E.S.T. Academy, plans to attend the University of Georgia
28 and study Mechanical Engineering, and will participate in the fencing club there; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of the B.E.S.T. Academy
30 Fencing Team be commended for their good sportsmanship and cooperative spirit.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the B.E.S.T. Academy Fencers of the Georgia High School Fencing League.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the B.E.S.T.
35 Academy and the Georgia High School Fencing League.