

Senate Resolution 162

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 2nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Butler of the 55th, Au of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Benjamin Warlick; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, DeKalb resident Benjamin Warlick acted as a concerned citizen and created the
3 Georgia Vax App to help Georgia residents navigate the confusing process of receiving a
4 vaccine for COVID-19; and

5 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has infected and killed millions of people worldwide
6 and continues to derail daily life, disrupting people's ability to gather with friends and loved
7 ones; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States government's efforts to inoculate its citizens with the
9 COVID-19 vaccine utilizes all available medical facilities, equipment, and personnel from
10 federal agencies, state agencies, and the private sector, which has scattered important
11 information and made the process of receiving a vaccine onerous; and

12 WHEREAS, Benjamin Warlick, a computer engineer, used his expertise in gathering obscure
13 government data for the public to create the Georgia Vax App, which automatically checks
14 several sites offering vaccine appointments and notifies subscribers when one becomes
15 available; and

16 WHEREAS, receiving a vaccine is critically important for vulnerable populations like
17 frontline workers, those with high-risk medical conditions, and the elderly, many of whom
18 have difficulty securing vaccination appointments on their own; and

19 WHEREAS, Benjamin Warlick made his app in an altruistic, patriotic effort to help his
20 community recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and he stands to gain little from
21 its use.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Benjamin Warlick for his selfless and dedicated assistance to the
24 State of Georgia during the COVID-19 pandemic and extend best wishes for future happiness
25 and health.

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