

Senate Resolution 1157

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Lora Darrisaw, the 2014 Child Fatality Review Medical
2 Examiner of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lora Darrisaw joined the GBI Medical Examiner's Office as an associate
4 medical examiner in 2002, and she is currently the Director of Pediatric Forensic Pathology
5 at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); and

6 WHEREAS, she specializes in pediatric pathology and the evaluation of fatal and nonfatal
7 pediatric injury, and as one of the few pediatric pathologists in the country, Dr. Darrisaw is
8 a leader in her field and an incredible asset to our state CFR program; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Darrisaw has supported nearly all of the county CFR committees with her
10 exceptional work, and she is the most requested pathologist for juvenile cases due to her
11 consistently thorough assessments; and

12 WHEREAS, many county coroners and CFR committee members express sincere
13 appreciation for her work on juvenile cases, especially the difficult sleep-related cases, and
14 are confident that nothing was missed, and for many of the CFR committees,
15 Dr. Lora Darrisaw's work is truly the Gold Standard; and

16 WHEREAS, she routinely reviews scene photos and sudden unexpected infant death
17 investigation (SUIDI) forms to support her autopsy findings, and because of that her
18 determination of cause and manner is consistently thorough and accurate; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Darrisaw has graciously agreed to support the Sudden Death in the Young
20 (SDY) project, a grant initiative through the CDC, and as a clinical reviewer she will
21 participate in a second level clinical review of select SDY cases and will help to develop an
22 autopsy protocol for all GBI medical examiners to follow; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize the outstanding
24 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian.

25 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize Dr. Lora Darrisaw, the 2014 Child Fatality Review Medical Examiner of the Year,
27 and commend her for her outstanding service to her community and state.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Lora Darrisaw.