

## House Resolution 957

By: Representatives Wiles of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Cooper of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Johnson of the 35<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Walker School Wolverines baseball team and inviting the coaches and  
2 team members to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Walker School Wolverines are the 2001 State Champions; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after battling through one of the toughest regions in the state, the Wolverines  
5 carried a school-best 15-3 record into the first round of the state playoffs; and
- 6 WHEREAS, although the team had been ranked in the state's top ten much of the season,  
7 they entered the post season relatively unknown; and
- 8 WHEREAS, led by Georgia Tech signee Andrew Kown and future Georgia signee Rip  
9 Warren, the Wolverine pitching staff proved to be quite the obstacle for most teams; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in the championship series, the Wolverines faced a fierce challenge from the  
11 top ranked single A team in the state, Bowdon; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Bowdon boasted a top pitcher with a 15-0 record and appeared to be the  
13 favorite, but on the first Saturday of June, the Walker squad welcomed the boys from  
14 Bowdon and did not prove to be a kind host; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in the first game of a doubleheader, Warren threw a no-hitter to lead the  
16 Wolverines to a 4-0 victory, in the following game, Kown pitched another fine game and  
17 prevailed 4-2, and Walker had won its first ever state championship baseball title; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the final record stood at 29-7; and

1 WHEREAS, along with the top aces, Walker was also led all year by Matt Kennedy, Eric  
2 Suttle, and Justin Griffeth, who also did a fine job on the mound and seniors Jared Crowder  
3 and Kevin Murphy added excellent leadership and talent throughout the season.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body congratulate the Walker School Wolverines baseball team, the  
6 2001 State Champions, and commend Coach Mark Tidwell and the entire team for a brilliant  
7 and valiant effort.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Walker School baseball team is invited to appear before  
9 the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the  
10 House of Representatives.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Mark Tidwell.