

## House Resolution 1156

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 43<sup>rd</sup> and Willard of the 44<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the players and coaches of the Sandy Springs All-Stars Little League Team;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999, Roger Gelder and B.J. Johnson coached a team of ten-year olds from  
4 Sandy Springs to a state little league championship; and

5 WHEREAS, two years later, the two dedicated coaches guided a team made up of almost the  
6 same youngsters, now stronger, faster, and veterans of the diamond, to a second state  
7 championship when they defeated a team from Columbus by a score of ten to zero in the  
8 championship game; and

9 WHEREAS, the All-Stars so dominated the district and state games that they scored 77 runs  
10 while holding their opponents to just eight scores, becoming the first team in the state to  
11 claim two state championships; and

12 WHEREAS, their play at the Southeast Regional games in St. Petersburg, Florida, on August  
13 5, 2001, started slowly, but the team showed the true champion spirit by battling back to  
14 become runners-up in the southeast region, losing only to the United States World Series  
15 Championship team from Apoka, Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, the players on this magnificent team were David Baron, Tim Bondell, Omar  
17 Byrd, Andrew Donovan, Zach Grimes, Billy Hendricks, Bentley Hayman, Mitchell  
18 Lundstrem, Daniel Marsh, Clay Mitchell, Werner Stroehmberg, and Tyler Thornburg, the  
19 team manager was Eddie Brewer, and the team Mom was Dottye Thornburg; and

20 WHEREAS, the young men on this championship team will take all through their lives the  
21 lessons learned from their coaches, their teammates, their opponents, the fans, and the Great  
22 Game of Baseball.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend each and every player of the Sandy Springs All-Star  
3 team, the coaches, the manager, and the supportive parents, especially Dottye Thornburg, for  
4 all of their successes.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the team,  
7 the coaches, the team manager, and the team Mom.