

House Resolution 1568

By: Representative Sholar of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Alice Coachman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project named Olympic Gold Medalist Alice
3 Coachman from Albany, Georgia, as a 2002 Woman Sustaining the American Spirit; and

4 WHEREAS, Alice Coachman was the first American woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal
5 in track and field and she overcame segregation to win 25 national titles and used the back
6 roads of Georgia as her personal training field, devising all sorts of setups to break the
7 previous high jump world record; and

8 WHEREAS, in London, England in 1948, during the first Olympics held after World war II,
9 Alice Coachman broke the previous high jump world record; and

10 WHEREAS, her achievements opened the doors for the success of generations to follow,
11 which included three-time gold medalist Wilma Rudolph and her Tigerbell teammates; and

12 WHEREAS, she continued her participation in track and field as a teacher, coach, trainer,
13 and spokesperson and has been honored with prestigious membership in eight halls of fame
14 including the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and
15 the Albany Sports Hall of Fame.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 this body commends Alice Coachman as a 2002 Woman Sustaining the American Spirit and
18 convey to her their deep admiration, respect, and appreciation and best wishes always.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Alice Coachman.