

## House Resolution 1667

By: Representatives Hammontree of the 4<sup>th</sup> and Williams of the 5<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Dalton High School Catamounts football team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Dalton High School football team had a tremendous season in 2001; and
- 3 WHEREAS, for the first time since 1978, the Catamounts advanced to the state  
4 championship game; and
- 5 WHEREAS, although the 9th ranked Catamounts lost the game to the No. 1 ranked  
6 Statesboro Blue Devils, they played with heart, exhibited strong character, and successfully  
7 rallied the entire community behind them; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Catamount fever was rampant in the City of Dalton during November and  
9 December, 2001, and no matter their school affiliation, everybody was proud to see this  
10 North Georgia team advance to the state finals; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the team finished the season by winning against 13 teams and losing only in the  
12 championship game and to 7AAAA opponent Rome High School earlier in the season; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in keeping with the Dalton Public Schools' philosophy, Coach Ronnie McClurg  
14 set high expectations for his players both on and off the field, a fact reflected in the team's  
15 battle cry of "Discipline to the Dome"; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in the face of injuries and other adversities, each player on the team reached  
17 deep to summon the courage and determination that each contest required and their efforts  
18 were not less than heroic.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body salute and commend the 2001 Dalton High School Catamounts

1 football team and coaching staff for their athletic accomplishments, their discipline, and their  
2 character and extend best wishes for the future.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Ronnie McClurg.