

House Resolution 207

By: Representatives Stallings of the 100th, West of the 101st, Hembree of the 98th, Richardson of the 26th, Snelling of the 99th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Shea Cowart; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Shea Cowart of Douglasville, Georgia, won two gold medals in the 2000
3 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, for the 100 and 200 meter events and brought honor
4 and credit to her family, community, and state as the globe's fastest bilateral athlete; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this native of Paulding County only began running in 1999, some 13 years
6 following the loss of her legs below the knee to bacterial meningitis, but a track meet in the
7 summer stirred an awareness of her capability to set records and fulfill personal goals; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she is a sophomore at the University of West Georgia and intends to major in
9 biology and then enter the field of prosthetics while maintaining her passion for running and
10 her desire to compete in as many Paralympic Games as she can; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the extraordinary discipline, positive attitude, and indomitable spirit of this
12 remarkable young woman and her tremendous achievements renew and strengthen the public
13 admiration and respect that she and her fellow disabled athletes so rightfully deserve.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body recognize and commend Gold Medalist Shea Cowart and convey
16 to her their heartiest congratulations and best wishes in her future pursuits.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Shea Cowart.