

## House Resolution 193

By: Representatives Stuckey of the 67<sup>th</sup>, McClinton of the 68<sup>th</sup> and Mobley of the 69<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Decatur High School Girls' Fast-Pitch Softball Team; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Decatur High School fielded its first-ever girls' softball team in the 2000 - 2001  
4 school year, thanks to the hard work of Coach Iris Gibbons and Assistant Coach Gary  
5 Anderson and made possible by the Equity in Sports Act enacted by the General Assembly  
6 during the 2000 Regular Session; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Gibbons, who joined the Decatur High School staff in August, 2000,  
8 recruited players who, for the most part, had little prior experience in the sport, and despite  
9 the fact that the coaches had only a month to train and condition their athletes, the team  
10 ended the season with a winning record; and

11 WHEREAS, the first-ever team included players Sellen Aroespy, Jena Blackshear, Joanna  
12 Bove, Sunnie Carmichael, Ashley Favors, Christina Hall, Symphonie Harris, Logan Menne,  
13 Nadia Moore, Allie Sanford, Alina Smyslova, Sasha Smyslova, Cassie Turnipseed, Shannon  
14 Zachery, and managers Kate Boswell and Corrye Mobley; and

15 WHEREAS, the skills, camaraderie, and teamwork the coaches have instilled over only one  
16 season have been of tremendous benefit to the development of these young women and  
17 demonstrate the true "raison d'être" of a public school athletic program.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body commend the first Decatur High School Girls' Fast-Pitch Softball  
20 Team and wish the team success for many years into the future.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Iris Gibbons on  
23 behalf of the team.