

House Resolution 417

By: Representatives Parsons of the 40th, Manning of the 32nd, Franklin of the 39th, Johnson of the 35th and Cooper of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Walton High School Lady Raiders Volleyball Team; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a dominating, aggressive, powerful, and well-coached team, the Walton Lady
4 Raiders outclassed and outplayed their opponents throughout the 2000 season; and

5 WHEREAS, since the Georgia High School Association divided the state's volleyball teams
6 into classes in 1997, Walton has won two Class AAAA state titles (1998 and 1999); and

7 WHEREAS, the Lady Raiders proved that its realignment in 2000 into Class AAAAA had
8 no bearing on how dominant they are; and

9 WHEREAS, they defeated Marietta High School 8-15, 15-5, 17-15, 15-3 for a third straight
10 state championship in the highest classification; and

11 WHEREAS, the team finished the 2000 campaign with an overall 46-6 record; and

12 WHEREAS, storming through the season, Walton reeled off a 20-1 record before its first loss
13 and was never ranked lower than fifth; and

14 WHEREAS, Walton finished the season ranked second in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, superbly coached by Gena Ridings, the 2000 Walton team was composed of
16 girls of extraordinary talent and athleticism who set high goals for themselves and held the
17 determination to meet them; and

18 WHEREAS, team member Morgan Halvig, who was a key figure on all three title teams, was
19 named the AJC Cobb Volleyball Player of the Year and Coach Gena Ridings was named
20 AJC Cobb Coach of the Year.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend and congratulate the Walton High School Lady Raiders
3 Volleyball Team on winning its third straight state championship and extend their best
4 wishes for continued success in the future.

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 Coach Gena Ridings.