

House Resolution 491

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

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, the City of Carrollton and the State University of West Georgia proclaimed
6 February 19, 2001, "Shea Cowart Day"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she is the first recipient of the annual "Spirit of West Georgia" award honoring
8 a student based on criteria which Miss Cowart represents; overall character, scholastic
9 achievement, and special outstanding accomplishments; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this dynamic, inspirational young woman has been the guest of honor at
11 nation-wide awards banquets, appeared on television talk shows, visited with President
12 Clinton at the White House, and humbly acknowledges that her biggest reward is making a
13 difference in the life of a child by inspiring people to make the most of what life offers; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this native of Paulding County only began running in 1999, some 13 years
15 following the loss of her legs below the knee to bacterial meningitis, but a track meet stirred
16 an awareness of her capability to set records and fulfill personal goals; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the extraordinary discipline, positive attitude, and indomitable spirit of this
18 remarkable young woman and her tremendous achievements renew and strengthen the public
19 admiration and respect that she and her fellow disabled athletes so rightfully deserve.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Gold Medalist Shea Cowart and convey
22 to her their heartiest congratulations and best wishes in her future pursuits.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Shea Cowart.