

House Resolution 770

By: Representative Graves of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Calhoun Middle School Debate Team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Calhoun Middle School Debate Team brought honor and acclaim to the
3 school and the community as it won first place in the 2003 State Championship; and
- 4 WHEREAS, more than 100 debaters from schools across the state gathered to compete for
5 top honors at the state championship; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Calhoun's team of Dana Higgins and Kaitlin Defoor went undefeated and
7 captured the tournament top award in the Open Division; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dana Higgins, a seventh-grader, was named Top Speaker in Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, other individual team awards were won by partners Hunter Hammond and
10 Gregory Thomas and partners Ricky Coates and Anum Hanif; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the state championship title is a remarkable achievement for a debate team in
12 its first year of competition; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the leadership of the team's coach, Judge Lane Bearden, and the team's hard
14 work and willingness to practice after school and on weekends enabled them to triumph
15 against other debate teams with exceedingly greater experience; and
- 16 WHEREAS, such an outstanding effort and triumphant result is worthy of recognition and
17 commendation.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend the Calhoun Middle School Debate Team on winning
20 the State Championship and extend best wishes for continued success.

- 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 the Calhoun Middle School
- 3 Debate Team.