

House Resolution 1428

By: Representatives Reece of the 21st, Amerson of the 9th, Rogers of the 20th, and Mills of the 67th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the incredible artistic talents of Amanda Watkins, daughter of Miller and Jane
2 Watkins; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Gainesville native Amanda Watkins began performing with the Gainesville
4 Ballet Company at age 11 and, under the direction of Pam Ware, Amanda's hard work and
5 stellar performances led to roles in numerous school plays at Gainesville High School; and

6 WHEREAS, Amanda earned her bachelor of fine arts in music and theater from Florida State
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, Amanda has performed parts on several Broadway tours, including *Grease* and
9 *Cabaret*; and

10 WHEREAS, she now lives in New York and has had leading roles in productions such as
11 *Urinetown*; *Beauty and the Beast*; and *Cats*; and

12 WHEREAS, she continues to remain busy as she takes part in regional touring productions
13 including *The Sound of Music*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Damn Yankees*, and *South Pacific*; and

14 WHEREAS, Amanda currently stars at the Alliance Theatre, playing the memorable role of
15 Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*; and

16 WHEREAS, she is proud of her hometown and is a tribute to the artistic opportunities and
17 venues that exist in Gainesville and credits formal education for its part in her vivacious and
18 talented success.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body commend Amanda Watkins's incredible artistic talents and
21 accomplishments and wish her success in what is sure to be a very bright future.

- 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 Amanda Watkins.