

## House Resolution 873

By: Representative Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mrs. Diane Freeman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Diane Freeman, a native of Tennessee, is now an outstanding Georgian  
3 who has contributed to the betterment of this state as a teacher, a coach, and as an active  
4 church member; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman is married to James Cleveland Freeman, Jr., and together they  
6 have two beautiful children, Katie and Jim; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College where she was a  
8 member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and was named a 1986 Outstanding Young  
9 Woman of America, graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman was a 1980 Tennessee Junior College tennis singles champion  
11 representing Roane State Community College and a National Junior College Athletic  
12 Association of the Southern United States Region VII Doubles Champion and was named  
13 to the Volunteer State Athletic Conference, All Academic Tennis Team; and

14 WHEREAS, while at Tennessee Wesleyan College, she was named to the National  
15 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Academic All American Team and was inducted into  
16 the Tennessee Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman earned a master's degree in history from Georgia Southern  
18 University and later received an education specialist degree from Georgia Southern and a  
19 second master's degree in counseling; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman has been a counselor, teacher, and adviser in the Screven County  
21 school system for many years and has contributed to the success of many of its students;  
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church  
2 of Sylvania as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the adult choir, and conductor of the  
3 Children's Hand Chimes and is a member of the South Georgia United Methodist Conference  
4 Commission on Higher Education and the Drysprings Emmaus Community; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman has been named a Georgia Women's Inter-sport Network finalist  
6 for 2005 Georgia High School Coach of the Year and is in her eighth year as girls tennis head  
7 coach at Screven County High School with a 157-29 win record that includes five regional  
8 championships, six state semifinals, and two state runner-ups; and

9 WHEREAS, no other public school from south Georgia has ever played in more than one  
10 state championship since the beginning of team tennis in 1990; and

11 WHEREAS, she is in her seventh year as boys head tennis coach at Screven County High  
12 School with a 127-37 win record that includes six regional championships, five state  
13 semifinals, and one state quarterfinal; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman has contributed to an outstanding future for her students as both  
15 a teacher and an outstanding coach and has brought great credit to her school system and  
16 recognition to her community.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body hereby honor Mrs. Diane Freeman and express great appreciation  
19 and admiration for a job well done in the classroom and on the tennis courts.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Diane Freeman.