

House Resolution 1658

By: Representative Knight of the 126<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Miss Alexa Cocker and inviting her to appear before the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the course of her young life, Miss Alexa Cocker, a freshman at Griffin  
4 Christian School, has had many extraordinary athletic and academic accomplishments and  
5 has already proven herself to be an invaluable contributor to her community; and

6 WHEREAS, Miss Cocker is an A student and United States Achievement Academy National  
7 Honor Roll Award winner; and

8 WHEREAS, among her artistic achievements, she has been very active in her school's band  
9 and chorus and has achieved a superior rating on the piano at the 2004 National Guild  
10 Auditions; a gifted writer, she is a National Poetry Contest Winner and recently won a trip  
11 to Turin, Italy, to see the 2006 Winter Paralympic Games after earning top honors in an essay  
12 contest sponsored by the United States Paralympic Academy; and

13 WHEREAS, as a highly accomplished swimmer, Miss Cocker has qualified for the Junior  
14 National Disability Championships for the past three years and holds six Junior National  
15 Swimming records; at the 2005 United States Paralympics National Championship, she  
16 placed sixth in the 100 backstroke and seventh in the 50 and 100 freestyle in the S-8  
17 Division; and

18 WHEREAS, a devout Catholic, she is very involved in her church as an altar server and plays  
19 piano for the children's choir; and

20 WHEREAS, even with her already extremely busy schedule, Miss Cocker constantly strives  
21 to give back to the community through her involvement with the Kiwanis Builder's Club, the  
22 Y-Club at her local YMCA, and as a Junior Camp Counselor for the Georgia Blazers, to  
23 name just a few of her many philanthropic activities; and

1 WHEREAS, Miss Cocker recently organized the "Shorts for Soldiers" project to collect  
2 elastic waist shorts for injured soldiers to wear while in the hospital; and

3 WHEREAS, among the many accolades this distinguished young lady has earned, she has  
4 been named a 2005 Nestlé Very Best of Youth winner in recognition of her tremendous  
5 community involvement and stellar academic success; and

6 WHEREAS, Miss Cocker's commitment to excellence shines through in all of her countless  
7 endeavors, and her generosity, selflessness, and determination to overcome whatever  
8 obstacles may come her way are an inspiration to all who strive to make a difference in the  
9 world.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body join in commending Miss Alexa Cocker on her outstanding  
12 athletic, artistic, and academic achievements and service to the community and thank her for  
13 all her invaluable contributions to Georgia.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Miss Alexa Cocker is invited to the House of  
15 Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate  
16 copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.