

## House Resolution 1693

By: Representative Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup> and Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Norcross Blue Devils on a championship season and inviting the team and  
2 their coaches to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Norcross Blue Devils won their first championship in Class AAAAA state  
4 boys basketball after a 66-49 win over Beach at the Arena at Gwinnett Center; and

5 WHEREAS, in winning the 5A state title, the basketball team delivered Norcross its first  
6 state title since 1963 (baseball); and

7 WHEREAS, in the state tournament the Blue Devils averaged 73.6 points per game and  
8 allowed only 52.8; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentucky signee Jodie Meeks was again sensational in the championship game  
10 with a game-high 32 points and junior forward Gani Lawal added 18 points and 12 rebounds  
11 as the Blue Devils joined the 1963 baseball team as the only two squads in school history to  
12 finish the season ranked No. 1; and

13 WHEREAS, it was the culmination of a year-long quest for the Blue Devils, who fell one  
14 game short in last year's state championship game, and they were determined it was not going  
15 to happen again; and

16 WHEREAS, the 29-4 Blue Devils, playing that trademark defense taught by Coach Eddie  
17 Martin, held Beach to six points in the first quarter, 16 in the first half and forced the  
18 Bulldogs into missing 20 of their 26 shots before halftime; and

19 WHEREAS, this championship was won by a team of hard working players, not by any  
20 individual superstars; and

1 WHEREAS, the Norcross Blue Devils won the title on the court and they deserve to be  
2 rewarded for all the hard work it takes to become a state champion.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body commend the Norcross Blue Devils varsity boys basketball team  
5 for its unparalleled achievements in winning the 2006 state championship title and extend  
6 their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future and invite the team and its  
7 coaches to appear before the House of Representatives at a time and day to be determined  
8 by the Speaker of the House.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Norcross Blue Devils  
11 varsity boys basketball team.