

House Resolution 515

By: Representatives Williams of the 89th, Watson of the 91st, Stephenson of the 92nd, Abrams of the 84th, Mangham of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Illai Kenney; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Illai Kenney, a senior attending Jonesboro High School in Clayton County,
3 Georgia, was selected to receive the "Highest Honor Award" by the National Council of
4 Negro Women, Inc., sponsors of the Bethune Recognition and Awards Ceremony to be held
5 on March 17, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Illai Kenney will long be remembered as the young nine year old who
7 addressed the '98 Million Youth Movement with her inspirational speech; and

8 WHEREAS, she is also a celebrated community leader, having cofounded the Georgia Kids
9 Against Pollution (GA KAP) as a middle school student, and thanks to the efforts of leaders
10 like Ms. Kenney, GA KAP is now one of the most active KAP chapters in the nation,
11 working diligently to educate and encourage citizens to work for cleaner air and water; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Kenney's many extraordinary accomplishments have earned her numerous
13 awards and recognitions; she has been honored as a 2005 African American Pioneer in Water
14 and Environmental Sciences: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow; her work has been featured
15 in the BBC News, the National Wildlife Federation's Ranger Rick Magazine in the "Kids in
16 Action" feature, Teen People Magazine, Sierra Club Magazine, and Time Magazine; and she
17 is also the 2003 recipient of the Brower Youth Award for young environmental activists; and

18 WHEREAS, she is deeply committed to community involvement as demonstrated by her
19 membership in many civic groups and organizations, including the Bioneers, the New
20 Leaders Initiative, and Black Youth Vote Kids; and

21 WHEREAS, Illai Kenney is a model for young people in her community and state and
22 empowers others around her through her example of courage, hard work, and success, and

1 it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this amazing
2 young lady be appropriately recognized.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Ms. Illai Kenney on her success and outstanding
5 accomplishments, extend to her their sincere appreciation for the work that she has done for
6 the citizens of Georgia, and offer her the best wishes of each member of this body for success
7 in future endeavors.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Illai Kenney.