

House Resolution 533

By: Representatives Watson of the 91st, Heard of the 114th, Lunsford of the 110th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Mosby of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dominique Wilkins, a great basketball legend, and inviting
2 him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dominique Wilkins was born on January 12, 1960, in Paris, France, and later
4 attended the University of Georgia where he became the school's all-time scoring leader; and

5 WHEREAS, this legendary basketball player entered the 1982 National Basketball
6 Association draft his junior season in college and went on to become the ninth all-time
7 leading scorer with 26,668 points and 11th on the all-time career scoring average list in the
8 league's history; and

9 WHEREAS, Dominique Wilkins joined the Atlanta Hawks in 1982 and was instrumental in
10 the team's success in the 1980s, electrifying Atlanta sports fans as the club recorded 50 win
11 seasons for four straight seasons; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkins continues to contribute his amazing talents to the Atlanta Hawks
13 by serving as the Hawks' Vice President-Basketball, advising the senior management team,
14 working in public relations, and serving as a member to the executive committee and the
15 Hawk's Free Agent Acquisition Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, his strong commitment to the community is further demonstrated by his active
17 involvement in many local and national charity endeavors, including the Juvenile Diabetes
18 Research Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Special Olympics, the Muscular
19 Dystrophy Association, and the American Lung Association; and

20 WHEREAS, this star athlete joined basketball's immortals with his induction into the
21 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2004, the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, and most
22 recently the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, Dominique Wilkins is a devoted husband and loving father to his two sons and
2 four daughters; and

3 WHEREAS, Dominique Wilkins is a tremendous athlete whose contributions to the NBA,
4 the University of Georgia Bulldogs, and the Atlanta Hawks, as well as his outstanding civic
5 leadership, have brought fame and honor to the State of Georgia.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 this body recognizes Dominique Wilkins as a great basketball legend, commends him on his
8 induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, salutes him as a great
9 Georgian, and invites him to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time
10 to be fixed by the Speaker for the purposes of being recognized by and addressing the House
11 of Representatives and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.