

House Resolution 569

By: Representatives Butler of the 18th, Nix of the 69th, and Bearden of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the State University of West Georgia Cheerleading Teams; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2002 and 2003, the West Georgia Braves' cheer program rose to national
4 prominence, winning back-to-back UCA Division II National Championships, and as they
5 prepared for the 2007 nationals, many wondered if the university's program could match its
6 past accomplishments; and

7 WHEREAS, at the 2007 nationals, West Georgia not only equaled its previous successes, but
8 the Braves' program exceeded all expectations by bringing home two national titles and
9 establishing itself as a national powerhouse to be reckoned with; and

10 WHEREAS, under the direction of head coach Sherry Cooney and assistant coach John
11 Morgan, the coed cheer squad established its reputation and place as a national dynasty by
12 winning its sixth straight UCA Division II Championship as the Braves' squad out-hustled
13 and outshone an impressive crop of competitors in the competition finals; and

14 WHEREAS, West Georgia's championship in the coed competition was not its first title of
15 the weekend, as a gifted young West Georgia all-girls team won its third national title in the
16 event; and

17 WHEREAS, coed squad team members are Candice Abney, Cory Brown, Eric Deal, Gennah
18 Duclo, Gennal Duclo, David Forrest, Michael Kirby, Tommy Lane, Sarah Masters, Ryan
19 McKinnon, Amber Melear, Brittany Moss, Brian Nichols, Sarah Roberts, Stephanie Shouse,
20 and John Tuggle; and

21 WHEREAS, the all-girls squad consists of Erica Baldwin, Ciara Carter, Lindsay Evanson,
22 Ashley Hardin, Hollis Johnson, Megan Johnson, Dana Jones, Mallory Jones, Amy Phillips,
23 Kristi Phillips, Peggy "Amanda" Reeves, Megan Sparks, Samantha Stevenson, Ashley Stone,
24 Kristin Urquhart, Nicollette Williams, Amy Wood, and Ashley Zimmerman, and all
25 members of each team displayed a level of competitive spirit that has rarely been equaled.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend the State University of West Georgia Cheerleading
3 Teams on their dominating win of the Division II All-Girl Cheerleading Competition and
4 Coed Cheerleading Competition.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State University of West
7 Georgia cheerleading teams and their coaches.