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House Resolution 783

By: Representatives Glanton of the 76th, Johnson of the 75th, and Starr of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Clayton State University Lakers men's basketball team; and for other
- 2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Clayton State University Lakers basketball team has established
- 4 a standard of athletic excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this superlative team completed a whirlwind season, ending with the best record
- 6 in school history, an astonishing 24-8, earning its first trip ever to the NCAA Division II
- 7 National Tournament; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the road to the NCAA Division II National Tournament was long and difficult,
- 9 but the Lakers posted a 17-0 record to open the season with a school record for the most
- 10 consecutive wins in a season, maintaining a national ranking at the number two spot for six
- 11 weeks; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Clayton State University Lakers basketball team included the
- 13 following outstanding athletes: Rod Venner, Austin DeAngelis, Brandon Kelley, Trey Goss,
- 14 Cory Cameron, John Beugnot, Todd McLaurin, Michael Sloan, Luis Rodriquez, Jordan
- 15 Windisch, Jeff Trotter, Brian Kelly, Jaquas Dobbs, and Aristide Sawadogo; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
- 17 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
- 18 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; the astute guidance and
- 19 direction of Head Coach Gordon Gibbons and Assistant Coaches Brent Buchanan and Andy
- 20 Harre; and the generous support of university president Dr. Thomas K. Harden and athletic
- 21 director Mason Barfield; and

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1 WHEREAS, as they have performed with courage and determination, the Clayton State

- 2 University Lakers have brought honor to Clayton State University, Clayton County, the City
- 3 of Morrow, and the State of Georgia.
- 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 5 the members of this body commend the Clayton State University Lakers men's basketball
- 6 team for its unparalleled determination, tenacity, and character; commend Coach Gordon
- 7 Gibbons in his fifth season of dedicated coaching at Clayton State University; and extend
- 8 their sincerest best wishes for continued success.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Clayton State University.