

House Resolution 789

By: Representatives Oliver of the 83rd, Jamieson of the 28th, and Carter of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Anthony L. Reeves; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Anthony L. Reeves, an outstanding young man raised in the Georgia foster care
3 system, has been selected as the first Georgian to join the national FosterClub All-Star team;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, more than a half million children are currently living in foster care throughout
6 the United States, and thousands of children are in foster care in Georgia alone; and
- 7 WHEREAS, FosterClub is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that was founded
8 by a foster parent in 1999 to provide foster youth with the intensive leadership and public
9 speaking training they need to become effective leaders in the foster care community; and
- 10 WHEREAS, each year, FosterClub selects and trains a number of current and former foster
11 youth from hundreds of applicants nation-wide to be FosterClub All-Stars and dispatches
12 these talented young people to teen conferences and foster care related events across the
13 country to motivate and educate their peers and raise public awareness on issues of critical
14 importance to young people in the foster care system; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Anthony L. Reeves entered the Georgia foster care system at the age of eleven
16 and experienced multiple placements throughout his youth; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 2006, he was selected from a group of more than 300 national applicants as
18 the first FosterClub All-Star team member from Georgia, and throughout his tenure on the
19 All-Star team, he has served as an inspiration to other foster youths in Georgia and
20 throughout the country; and
- 21 WHEREAS, in addition to his service for FosterClub, he serves as a relief parent for Families
22 First and regularly speaks on behalf of foster care groups such as Metro Atlanta Youth

1 Opportunities Initiative and Families First, and in 2006, he worked with First Lady Mary
2 Perdue on foster care initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Reeves graduated from Banneker High School in College Park, earned an
4 associate's degree, and is now working toward a bachelor's degree at DeVry University in
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, his actions have brought honor to the State of Georgia and the United States.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body join in recognizing Anthony L. Reeves for his outstanding
9 advocacy on behalf of children in the foster care system, commend him on his selection as
10 the first Georgian member of the national FosterClub All-Star team, and extend to him their
11 sincerest best wishes for his future.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Anthony L. Reeves.