

House Resolution 1252

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Burkhalter of the 50th, and Harbin of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending BlazeSports America Georgia Division for its outstanding
2 service to the State of Georgia and selection to host the 2008 National Prep Wheelchair
3 Basketball Tournament; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division advances the lives of youth and adults
5 with physical disability through sport and healthy lifestyles; and

6 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division provides community based sports,
7 recreation, and physical activity programs for children and adults with physical disabilities
8 and visual impairment; and

9 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division serves children and adults with spinal
10 cord injury, spinal bifida, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, muscular dystrophy,
11 amputation, visual impairment, or blindness as well as other physical disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division works to ensure that the quality,
13 diversity, and availability of these activities shall be equivalent to those afforded to youth and
14 adults without disability; and

15 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division continues to be the standard of
16 excellence and the leading community provider of high quality sports and physical activities
17 for Georgians with physical disabilities; and

18 WHEREAS, BlazeSports Georgia Division's programs and services encourage healthy
19 lifestyles, foster independence and inclusion, and promote personal empowerment
20 throughout each individual's lifespan; and

1 WHEREAS, by nurturing physical, psychological, and social well-being of children, youth,
2 and adults, BlazeSports America Georgia Division actively promotes inclusion and personal
3 development; and

4 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division's community focus helps our young
5 people discover their full potential; embrace their individuality and identify their unique
6 capabilities; and utilizes adults with physical disabilities as mentors and role models.

7 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division has continually promoted equality,
8 visibility, and positive perception of people with physical disability through sport; and

9 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division directly provides teams, camps, clinics,
10 and technical assistance in the State of Georgia and serves as the local organizing committee
11 for local, regional, and national competitions; and

12 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America Georgia Division has been selected by the Junior Division
13 of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association to host the 2008 National Prep
14 Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, February 22-24, at Kennesaw State University; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2008 National Prep Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will bring together
16 the top 16 teams in the 13 and under age division of the National Wheelchair Basketball
17 Association to compete for the National Championship.

18 WHEREAS, the 2008 National Prep Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will hold a training
19 seminar for basketball officials to educate the attendees on the different rules of wheelchair
20 basketball, and successful completion will result in National Wheelchair Basketball
21 Association Officials certification.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 this body recognizes and commends BlazeSports America Georgia Division for exemplary
24 public service to children, youth, and adults with physical disabilities and expresses gratitude
25 for its leadership in encouraging healthy lifestyles, fostering independence and inclusion, and
26 promoting empowerment among disabled and visually impaired persons in the State of
27 Georgia.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to BlazeSports America
3 Georgia Division.