

## House Resolution 1309

By: Representative Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James Butler, Jr., as a Super Bowl Bearcat and inviting  
2 him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James Butler, Jr., is one of the best athletes and role models to ever come  
4 through Bainbridge High School, a sentiment that has been echoed by numerous others who  
5 have been associated with him, including *The Post-Searchlight* sports writer Joe Crine; and

6 WHEREAS, James was born on September 9, 1982, one of eight children to Reverend James  
7 and Nadine Butler, Sr., and

8 WHEREAS, he grew up in Climax, Georgia, and attended Bainbridge High School where  
9 he played Bearcats football, basketball, and ran track; and

10 WHEREAS, while in high school he was named one of the Top 50 Players in Georgia by the  
11 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; named Max Emfinger's Super 75 in Georgia; tabbed to the  
12 Border Wars Top 100 prospects in the South and to Prep Star's All-Southeast Region team;  
13 received Class AAAAA honorable mention all-state selection by the *Atlanta*  
14 *Journal-Constitution* and the *Augusta Chronicle*; named first-team all-region and all-South  
15 Georgia; had 69 tackles and two interceptions as a senior, following 54 tackles and four  
16 interceptions as a junior; punted for three years and averaged almost 36 yards per kick;  
17 four-year letterman; chosen for the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game; and was the state  
18 champion in the triple jump as a sophomore; and

19 WHEREAS, one of his high school coaches gave him the ultimate compliment when he said  
20 that he would like nothing more than for his son to grow up to be like James and went on to  
21 say he was an outstanding athlete, but more importantly, he is an outstanding person with  
22 great honor and integrity; and

1 WHEREAS, James also excelled in academics, being named the Academic All-ACC honoree  
2 and receiving the Champs Sports Bowl Scholar-Athlete Award; and

3 WHEREAS, is has been said by many of his former teachers, coaches, friends, and family  
4 members that he was an excellent role model to younger children and was and still is very  
5 serious about his Christian faith; and

6 WHEREAS, after high school he went on to become an All-Atlantic Coast Conference  
7 defensive back with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, and he made a total of 204 tackles,  
8 8.5 tackles for loss, seven interceptions, ten pass breakups, four forced fumbles, and two  
9 blocked field goals in his two years as a starter, and he ranks sixth in Georgia Tech's history  
10 in career tackles by a defensive back with 234; and

11 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Georgia Tech he signed with the NFL's New York Giants  
12 as a rookie free agent strong safety in 2005, where he has had an awesome NFL career and  
13 most recently led the New York Giants in tackles with nine during their amazing 17-14 Super  
14 Bowl win over the previously undefeated New England Patriots in 2008; and

15 WHEREAS, everyone at Bainbridge High School, past and present, especially his brother,  
16 Derrick Frazier, who works at the school and Principal Tommie Howell are very proud of  
17 James.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body recognize and congratulate Mr. James Butler, Jr., on his numerous  
20 outstanding accomplishments and commend him for his recent Super Bowl win, and invite  
21 him and his family to appear before this body on a date and time designated by the Speaker  
22 of the House for the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate  
23 copy of this resolution.