

House Resolution 1727

By: Representative Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Norcross Blue Devils boys varsity basketball team on winning the Class  
2 AAAAA state basketball championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in a memorable clash that became part of a memorable season, the Norcross  
4 Blue Devils boys basketball team eclipsed Wheeler 57 to 54 to win their third consecutive  
5 Class AAAAA state basketball championship; and

6 WHEREAS, more than 8,000 exultant fans were on hand to witness this epic battle between  
7 two of the nation's best teams, led by Coach Eddie Martin of Norcross and Coach Doug  
8 Lipscomb of Wheeler; and

9 WHEREAS, the players did not disappoint the fans in a game that featured rim rattling dunks  
10 by both teams, sharp shooting from long range, and keen coaching decisions and strategy;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, however, Norcross' trademark defense and mental toughness made the  
13 difference down the stretch; and

14 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils, who finished the season with an amazing record of 29 wins and  
15 only two losses, held down Wheeler, the highest scoring team in the state tournament, to their  
16 lowest point total of the year; and

17 WHEREAS, with this victory, the Blue Devils won more than just one game, they have  
18 staked a claim to be the team of the decade; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body recognize with particularity the  
20 outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary team.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize and commend the Norcross Blue Devils boys basketball  
3 team and extend to the team members and their coaches best wishes for continued success  
4 in life on and off the court.

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 Coach Eddie Martin and to  
7 the Norcross Blue Devils boys basketball team.