

House Resolution 1793

By: Representatives Fleming of the 117th, Smith of the 113th, and McKillip of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Athens DUI/Drug Court Program; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, DUI/Drug Court Programs are a fairly new sentencing alternative program for
4 repeat drug and DUI offenders and are run by teams of judges, prosecutors, defense
5 attorneys, and treatment specialists trained in addiction and substance abuse issues; and

6 WHEREAS, an offender who has faced several drunken driving or drug possession charges
7 is offered the chance to participate in the program by pleading guilty in exchange for less jail
8 time, lower fines, and fewer community service hours; and

9 WHEREAS, except for situations where physical disabilities prevent work, DUI/Drug Court
10 participants seek, obtain, and maintain gainful employment and pay a fee for their
11 participation in the program; and

12 WHEREAS, the Athens DUI/Drug Court Program is to be commended for its success; since
13 the program's inception in February, 2001, the DUI recidivism rate for participants is 3
14 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Athens DUI/Drug Court Program be
16 recognized for the exemplary service it provides to the community in reducing the number
17 of repeat drug and DUI offenders.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body heartily congratulate the Athens DUI/Drug Court Program on its
20 efforts to reduce drug and DUI repeat offenders.

- 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 the Athens DUI/Drug Court
- 3 Program.