

House Resolution 1852

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rudie Benson, a great high school basketball player; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rudie Benson proved to be an essential part of the Stephenson High School
4 Lady Jaguars basketball team and their spectacular 2007-2008 season that culminated in a
5 GHSA State Class AAAAA Championship victory; and

6 WHEREAS, thanks to the outstanding abilities of players like Rudie Benson, the Stephenson
7 High School Lady Jaguars dominated and defeated Redan High School by the score of 66
8 to 51 to capture the state girls basketball title for a second time in four years; and

9 WHEREAS, the Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars basketball team, composed of
10 amazingly talented athletes, has proven itself to be one of the greatest basketball programs
11 in Georgia High School Association history with an overall record of 224-66 wins; seven
12 straight regional championships; eight straight state appearances; three final four appearances
13 in 2005, 2006, and 2007; one runner-up title in the state championship; and two state
14 championships; and

15 WHEREAS, the hard work, determination, and competitive spirit of the exceptional Jaguars
16 girls basketball team helped the players to realize a dream not only for themselves but for
17 their school, and their great achievements will influence their personal growth and offer them
18 memories they will cherish for a lifetime; and

19 WHEREAS, Rudie Benson, an exceptional young athlete, has demonstrated remarkable
20 ability, motivation, resilience, and teamwork and has rightfully earned the reputation as one
21 of the best high school basketball players in the state; and

22 WHEREAS, this amazing young lady has benefited greatly from the expert training,
23 dedication, and encouragement provided by the instruction of Head Coach Dennis C.

1 Watkins, Jr., and Assistant Coaches Reginald Harris, Cedric Vinson, and Kathy Johnson as
2 well as the tremendous support of the team managers, the principal and faculty of Stephenson
3 High School, the team's many dedicated fans, and her loving family members; and

4 WHEREAS, this outstanding athlete has brought great honor and credit to her family,
5 coaches, community, and Georgia and stands as a positive role model for other young people
6 for setting goals and working hard to achieve greatness; it is only fitting that this body should
7 recognize the extraordinary talent and contributions of this wonderful athlete.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 this body commends Rudie Benson on her phenomenal performance as a member of the
10 Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars basketball team and wishes her success in each of her
11 future endeavors.

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 Rudie Benson.