

House Resolution 1848

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Head Coach Dennis C. Watkins, Jr. for his talent and
2 leadership as coach of the state championship Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars
3 basketball team; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has greatly benefited by the tremendous dedication and
5 skill of Dennis C. Watkins, head basketball coach at Stephenson High School, in DeKalb
6 County, where he has helped to nurture, train, and discipline one of the best high school
7 basketball teams in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, over the course of his service at Stephenson High School, Coach Watkins´
9 foresight and leadership have guided the school´s basketball program that has set an
10 unprecedented level of overall athletic achievement and proven itself to be one of the greatest
11 basketball programs in Georgia High School Association history with an overall record of
12 224-66, 7 straight region championships, 8 straight state appearances, 3 final four
13 appearances in 2005, 2006, and 2007, 1 runner-up title in the state championship, and 2 state
14 championships; and

15 WHEREAS, as further demonstration of his talent, Coach Watkins was a six-time recipient
16 of the DeKalb County Coach of the Month award, three-time recipient of the City of Atlanta
17 Coach of the Month award, two-time recipient of the City of Atlanta Coach of the Year
18 Award, and six-time recipient of the DeKalb County Coach of the Year award, and all of
19 these honors are a reflection of the tremendous respect and admiration he has from his team
20 players and peers alike; and

21 WHEREAS, Dennis Watkins is a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Nicole, and a loving
22 father to their daughters, Shekela, Cody, and Faith; and

23 WHEREAS, in the course of his career at Stephenson High School, Coach Watkins has
24 touched the lives of many with his caring and enthusiastic spirit, and he has been an

1 inspirational mentor to many young students by teaching them the true meaning of
2 teamwork; and

3 WHEREAS, hundreds of young Georgians have benefited from his dedicated service as a
4 mentor, educator, and coach and the state owes this honorable man a debt of gratitude for his
5 service as a tremendously principled role model for our young athletes and students.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 this body commends Dennis C. Watkins for his outstanding coaching performance and
8 congratulates him on leading the Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars basketball team
9 during their superb season as Region AAAAA state champions.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dennis C. Watkins.