

House Resolution 2161

By: Representative Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Head Coach Jonathan Norton for his talent and leadership as  
2 coach of the Berry College Vikings women's basketball team; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has greatly benefited from the tremendous dedication and  
4 skill of Jonathan Norton, head basketball coach at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where  
5 he has helped to nurture, train, and discipline one of the best women's college basketball  
6 teams in the state; and

7 WHEREAS, over the course of his service at Berry College, Coach Norton's foresight and  
8 leadership have guided his team in setting an unprecedented level of overall athletic  
9 achievement and proving itself to be one of the greatest basketball programs in Georgia  
10 college history with a 2007-2008 record of 26-7 and an automatic postseason bid to the  
11 NAIA National Women's Tournament thanks to a second-place finish in the Southern States  
12 Athletic Conference; and

13 WHEREAS, as further demonstration of his talent, Coach Norton was named the NAIA  
14 Region VI Coach of the Year, an honor that reflects the tremendous respect and admiration  
15 he has from his players and peers alike; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Norton led the Lady Vikings to their second trip to the NAIA National  
17 Women's Tournament in three years; and

18 WHEREAS, in the course of his career at Berry College, Coach Norton has touched the lives  
19 of many with his caring and enthusiastic spirit, and he has been an inspirational mentor to  
20 many young students by teaching them the true meaning of teamwork; and

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

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 this body commends Jonathan Norton for his outstanding coaching performance and  
3 congratulates him on leading the Berry College Vikings women's basketball team during  
4 their superb season.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jonathan Norton.