

## House Resolution 1430

By: Representatives Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jeremy Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Jeremy Williams has demonstrated that with faith in God and self, even the  
3 most difficult struggles and adversity can be overcome; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a talented athlete and coach, Mr. Williams was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's  
5 disease three years ago but has not allowed his condition to dampen his spirits or his will to  
6 accomplish great things during his life; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he started his football career as a quarterback for Kendrick High School in  
8 Columbus, Georgia, and dreamed of continuing football after graduation but was warned he  
9 was too small for college football; and
- 10 WHEREAS, through persistence, determination, and an iron will, Mr. Williams earned a  
11 position on the football team at Memphis State University, where he was given the nickname  
12 "Georgia Assassin" by his coaches and teammates and earned distinction as an Academic  
13 All-American; and
- 14 WHEREAS, after his graduation from Memphis State, Mr. Williams served as an assistant  
15 coach for Manchester High School, helping to lead the team to a state championship title in  
16 1997; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he coached at Harris County High School for three years before accepting the  
18 position of head coach for Greenville High School, where he recently completed an  
19 undefeated regular season and earned a Region 4-A Championship and trip to the state  
20 playoffs; and
- 21 WHEREAS, when he is not on the field, Mr. Williams spends his time spreading a message  
22 of hope throughout his community and this state, encouraging others to push past their

23 struggles and reach for their dreams, which earned him recognition as the 2009 Citizen of the  
24 Year for Meriwether County; and

25 WHEREAS, a resident of Pine Mountain Valley, Mr. Williams is united in love and marriage  
26 to his supportive wife, Jennifer, and he has been blessed with two children, Josie and Jacob;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has inspired countless individuals with his quiet determination  
29 in the face of adversity, including his son, Jacob, who was born with Spina Bifida, which  
30 paralyzes him from the waist down, yet has been affectionately referred to as the "Mayor of  
31 Pine Mountain Valley, Pine Valley, and Greenville" for his outgoing personality and his  
32 amazing outlook on life.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize Mr. Jeremy Williams for his incredible spirit and  
35 determination and commend him for the example of courage and strength he has set for his  
36 players, family, friends, and neighbors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jeremy Williams.