

House Resolution 1997

By: Representative Butler of the 18<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Carrollton High School debate team and inviting them to  
2 be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Carrollton High School debate team once again demonstrated superior skill  
4 in the presentation of logic and persuasiveness by winning the public forum debate state  
5 championship with perfect ballot scores in February, 2010, at the GFCA State Tournament;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, this amazing accomplishment marks the tenth state championship title for  
8 Carrollton High School; and

9 WHEREAS, the Carrollton team had an impressive year with victories at highly competitive  
10 Georgia tournaments, including Warner Robins, Cairo, Lincoln County, and Georgia  
11 Southern Peach District tournaments; and

12 WHEREAS, these skilled debaters have competed in such prestigious and exclusive  
13 tournaments as the Barkley Forum at Emory University, the Blue Key Tournament at the  
14 University of Florida, and the 2010 National Tournament of Champions at the University of  
15 Kentucky, and will represent Georgia at the NFL and NCFL national tournaments in the  
16 summer of 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, the Carrollton High School state champion debate team is superbly coached by  
18 the experienced and resourceful Richard Bracknell and includes undefeated team members  
19 Michael Ingram and Skylar Smisson; and with the support of Jonathan Edwards-Opperman  
20 and Colton Huebner, these debaters not only have won acclaim for their performances as a  
21 team but also have received numerous awards for their individual performances; and

22 WHEREAS, by their dedication, talent, and hard work, the members and coach of the  
23 Carrollton High School state champion public forum debate team have brought honor and  
24 recognition to their school, community, and state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body congratulate and commend the members and coach of the  
27 Carrollton High School debate team for their superior performances and outstanding  
28 achievements and invite them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and  
29 time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Richard Bracknell, debate  
32 coach at Carrollton High School.