

House Resolution 320

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Southland Academy High School Raiders 200-yard freestyle relay swim
2 team and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through perseverance and agility, Southland Academy's 200-yard freestyle relay
5 swim team earned the GISA state title on January 31, 2009, at the Augusta Aquatic Center;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, despite being ranked second all season, the Raiders demonstrated enough speed
8 and stamina in the GISA Championships freestyle event, the last event of the eight-hour
9 competition, to earn the foursome a first place finish; and

10 WHEREAS, earning the school's first title in swimming since 2002, these impressive and
11 stellar athletes were Athan Cheokas, Eric Bruns, Aaron Pryor, and Jay Buchanan; and

12 WHEREAS, after a second place showing by Jay Buchanan and a third place win for Athan
13 Cheokas earlier in the day, the Raiders were bolstered to make history in the four-man relay;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, after the thrilling 1:36.05 relay, the scoreboard displayed just how remarkable
16 the Raiders' performance had been, posting a Southland win over Mount de Sales by two-
17 hundredths of a second; and

18 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
19 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
20 member of the team; their superb aquatic techniques; and the astute direction of Head Coach
21 Tim DeMott; and

22 WHEREAS, these magnificent athletes earned their well-deserved reputation for excellence
23 by performing with dedication and precision over years of training and competition, and it
24 is abundantly proper to call them champions.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Southland Academy High School 200-yard freestyle
27 relay swim team for its unparalleled achievements in winning the GISA state championship
28 title, extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future, and invite them
29 to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the
30 Speaker of the House.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the team,
33 Head Coach Tim DeMott, as well as Southland Academy High School.