

## House Resolution 484

By: Representatives Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Marie and Bryan Lance and their award-winning dog,  
2 "Stitch"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marie and Bryan Lance of Clermont, Georgia, are the proud parents of two  
4 daughters and a five year old Australian cattle dog named Kombinalong Supernitrous, or  
5 "Stitch" for short; and

6 WHEREAS, the Lances, who have been showing dogs competitively for more than a decade,  
7 recently sent Stitch to their first ever Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show; and

8 WHEREAS, Marie Lance is a talented veterinarian in Gwinnett County and because she is  
9 currently building her own clinic off Dawsonville Highway, the Lances were unable to  
10 accompany Stitch and his handler on their big trip to the competition in New York City; and

11 WHEREAS, as an Australian cattle dog, Stitch's ancestors were likely the wild dingo species,  
12 a canine which the cattle dog breed resembles except for their grizzled and mottled coats; and

13 WHEREAS, ranked as the fifth Australian cattle dog in the nation, Stitch was poised for a  
14 good showing at Westminster but needed something to help him stand out from his  
15 competitors; and

16 WHEREAS, with his outgoing personality and class clown attitude, Stitch attempted to  
17 utilize his secret weapon to win over the hearts of the audience and judges, his constantly  
18 wagging tail; and

19 WHEREAS, Stitch proved himself to be a remarkable example of the Australian cattle dog  
20 breed, winning his category with flying colors and moving on to compete in the herding  
21 group competition to take on the other herding dogs who had won their categories; and

22 WHEREAS, sadly, Stitch fell short of winning the herding group category to the mop-like  
23 looking Hungarian sheepdog, but his happy-go-lucky attitude made him a crowd favorite,  
24 both in person and on television; and

25 WHEREAS, Stitch plans on retiring from the pageant circuit soon to focus on relaxing with  
26 his family and possibly beginning a new career in agility competitions and creating little  
27 "Stitches."

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Marie and Bryan Lance on the dedication and  
30 commitment they have demonstrated to the sport of dog showing and congratulate Stitch, the  
31 award-winning Australian cattle dog that made his family and this state proud.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Lance family.