

House Resolution 547

By: Representative Hill of the 21<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Matt Hawkins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the untimely passing of Mr. Matt Hawkins on February 14, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins was born on January 12, 1988, a beloved son of Fred and Cindy  
5 Hawkins; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins was known throughout the nation and this state as an  
7 accomplished race car driver; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this talented young man had a love for racing early on, competing in his first  
9 go-kart competition at the age of four and establishing a standard for excellence in the racing  
10 community during the next two decades; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins earned such prestigious go-kart racing titles as the WKA National  
12 Champion, Triple Crown Winner in the Georgia Dirt Series, WKA Most Improved Junior  
13 Driver in 2002, and Double Points Champion in the Junior Restricted and Unrestricted  
14 Classes; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after winning over 100 go-kart races, Mr. Hawkins moved on to a Super Late  
16 Model vehicle and won the 2006 Snowflake 100 and was a repeat champion for the Georgia  
17 Asphalt Series; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins won his first start in the Hooters Pro Cup in March, 2007, and  
19 duplicated this feat in the ARCA Re/Max Series in April, 2008; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was known by all as an exceptionally kind, polite, and generous young man  
21 and all who were privileged to know this courageous and caring man join his family in

22 mourning his loss and will forever cherish the memory of their wonderful times shared with  
23 Mr. Hawkins.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Matt Hawkins and  
26 express appreciation of his many contributions to his community, friends, neighbors, and  
27 family.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Hawkins.