

## House Resolution 944

By: Representatives Knight of the 126<sup>th</sup> and Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Spalding County 4-H program and its Project S.A.F.E.  
2 participants; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 4-H programs are known for their contribution to community, development of  
4 leadership skills, opportunity to make friends, and development of the ethic that work can  
5 be fun, and the Spalding County 4-H program is a shining example of 4-H excellence; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the Spalding County 4-H program is to assist the youth of  
7 Spalding County in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that  
8 will enable them to become productive members of society; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1990, Spalding County 4-H began a Shooting Sports program that taught  
10 shotgun discipline and, over the years, expanded to other rifle and pistol disciplines and  
11 provided education on competition safety rules and procedures for firearms ranges; and

12 WHEREAS, today, Spalding County 4-H offers a program called Project Shooting  
13 Awareness Fundamentals and Education (S.A.F.E.), which provides participants education  
14 on shooting sports safety, produces athletic activities related to shooting skills and  
15 demonstration of proper techniques, and promotes good sportsmanship and teamwork; and

16 WHEREAS, Project S.A.F.E. serves over 90 young athletes, teaching shooting skills using  
17 BB guns, air rifles, rimfire sporters, and smallbores; and

18 WHEREAS, Project S.A.F.E. recently began using the Ole Mill Range Complex, a 52  
19 position and ten meter airgun range, as a competition and practice facility for young athletes  
20 with collegiate, national, and Olympic competitive aspirations; and

21 WHEREAS, Spalding County 4-H Project S.A.F.E. members Matt Branyon, April Dunn,  
22 Adam Thrasher, and Kyle Whisenant earned a Gold Medal at the NRA 2008 National  
23 Precision Air Gun Competition, competing against teams from across the country; and

24 WHEREAS, these Gold medalists, along with Jacob Brown, Jake Neri, and Morgan Kelley,  
25 earned the Bronze Medal at the 2008 Junior Olympic Three Position Air Rifle National  
26 Championship; and

27 WHEREAS, these young Georgians have brought pride and honor to their families,  
28 community, and state, and their outstanding marksmanship and devotion to the principles of  
29 4-H are worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize the Spalding County 4-H program, commend the  
32 members of Project S.A.F.E. for their amazing accomplishments, and extend to them their  
33 sincere best wishes for the future.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Spalding County 4-H  
36 program.