

House Resolution 268

By: Representatives Talton of the 145th, O`Neal of the 146th, and Harden of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Molly Laughlin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Molly Laughlin recently returned from a trip to Egypt as part of a Georgia
3 Southern University honors program study abroad experience; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Laughlin, of Warner Robins, Georgia, was chosen along with 11 classmates
5 from nearly 40 applicants for this prestigious and life changing two-week trip to the Middle
6 East; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the group departed for Egypt on January 4, 2011, to expand their studies beyond
8 the traditional classroom setting and visited historic sites and immersed themselves in the
9 local culture; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the trip marked the first Georgia Southern study abroad trip to the Middle East,
11 and participants were given a chance to experience the trip of a lifetime; and
- 12 WHEREAS, while in Egypt, the students had the opportunity to volunteer at a children's
13 cancer center, interact with local people, and experience sites and activities beyond the
14 average tourist itinerary; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ms. Laughlin is a senior studying political science, and the honors program trip
16 to Egypt was her first experience studying abroad; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she was glad to have the opportunity to visit a unique country that mixes a rich
18 African culture with the Arabic language and the practice of Islam; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in addition to observing ancient artifacts and sites, Ms. Laughlin learned how
20 religion plays an everyday part of the lives of Egyptians from attitudes to dress to food; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Laughlin's experience in Egypt will be shared for many years with
22 classmates, family, and friends, and the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation toward
23 the future of this bright and promising young citizen.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize Ms. Molly Laughlin for being chosen to participate in
26 the first Georgia Southern University honors study abroad program to the Middle East and
27 extend to her best wishes on all her future academic endeavors.

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 Ms. Molly Laughlin.