

## House Resolution 370

By: Representative Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ethan Thomas, Commerce High School's 2011 STAR Student; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most  
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, Ethan Thomas has shown by the example of his academic accomplishments that  
6 the pursuit and attainment of scholastic success are within the reach of the students in this  
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, this remarkable scholar has earned distinction through his superlative  
9 achievements at Commerce High School where he is a gifted student and was selected as  
10 Commerce High School's 2011 STAR Student; and

11 WHEREAS, to be selected as a STAR Student for a high school, a student must have  
12 obtained the highest score in one administration of the new three-part Scholastic Aptitude  
13 Test taken through the November test date of his or her senior year and be in the top ten  
14 percent or top ten students of his or her class; and

15 WHEREAS, each school has one STAR Student who in turn has the opportunity to choose  
16 a STAR Teacher that has inspired and encouraged them throughout their high school career;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Ethan chose Commerce High School educator Mr. Matthew Dahlke as his  
19 STAR teacher, who provided support and guidance throughout the years and encouraged  
20 Ethan to achieve his utmost potential; and

21 WHEREAS, a national scholar athlete and University of Georgia Certificate of Merit winner,  
22 Ethan is a member of Commerce High School's varsity baseball team, Beta Club, peer  
23 student support team, and student government; and

24 WHEREAS, the son of William and Sue Thomas, Ethan plans to attend LaGrange College  
25 or Piedmont College and play collegiate baseball; and

26 WHEREAS, Ethan has personified the selfless dedication, mental agility, verbal adroitness,  
27 and personal maturity necessary for superlative academic performance; and

28 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation toward the future of this  
29 bright and promising young citizen.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body heartily commend Ethan Thomas's spectacular scholastic  
32 endeavors, recognize him for being named Commerce High School's STAR Student for  
33 2011, and express their most sincere best wishes for continued academic success in the  
34 future.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ethan Thomas.