

House Resolution 429

By: Representatives Ramsey of the 72nd, Fludd of the 66th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Yates of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Ralph Harold "Hawkeye" Boston and inviting him to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, born in Laurel, Mississippi, Mr. Ralph Harold "Hawkeye" Boston dominated
4 the sport of track and field for over a decade; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Boston attended Tennessee State University where he excelled in the long
6 jump, high and low hurdles, the high jump, and the triple jump; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Boston won the National Collegiate Athletic Association title in
8 the long jump and broke the 25 year world record in the long jump previously held by Jesse
9 Owens; and

10 WHEREAS, he brought home a gold medal in the long jump during the 1960 Summer
11 Olympic Games in Rome; and

12 WHEREAS, this amazing athlete won the Amateur Athletic Union national championship
13 in the long jump in 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964 and had the longest triple jump for an
14 American in 1963; and

15 WHEREAS, a member of track and field royalty, Mr. Boston also earned a bronze medal at
16 the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Boston has chosen the great State of Georgia as his ideal retirement
18 location since the 1990's, enjoying his days golfing and spending time with family and
19 friends; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
21 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the amazing career of Mr. Ralph Harold "Hawkeye"
24 Boston and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time
25 to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ralph Harold
28 "Hawkeye" Boston.