

House Resolution 571

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Yates of the 73rd, Dickson of the 6th, and Williams of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Saul Raisin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Saul Raisin has turned his personal struggles into a positive force that has
3 helped uplift the lives of others; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Raisin was a celebrated and talented bicyclist, racing in competitions
5 around the world and building an impressive racing resume; and
- 6 WHEREAS, by the age of 23 he had won the Best Young Rider jersey at the Tour de
7 Georgia, captured ninth place at the Tour of Germany, made the strongest American showing
8 at the 2006 World Championships, and won a mountainous stage at the first race of 2006;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Raisin's life changed in an instant when he sustained a severe head injury
11 during a race while competing in France; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after his tragic fall, Mr. Raisin slipped into a coma during brain surgery, and
13 his parents were told that if he lived through the ordeal, he would likely need
14 around-the-clock professional care to meet his basic needs; and
- 15 WHEREAS, with the same determination he had displayed his entire life as an athlete, Mr.
16 Raisin fought month after month in the hospital, relearning the simplest of tasks and battling
17 fatigue, pain, and frustration; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Raisin beat the odds and was walking six months after his accident, and
19 shortly after he began training for triathlons; and

20 WHEREAS, inspired to give to others during his months of recovery in the hospital, Mr.
21 Raisin established the Raisin Hope Foundation, which has raised over \$250,000 for brain
22 injury sufferers; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Raisin travels the country as a motivational speaker and is studying to be
24 a physical therapist; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments and
26 perseverance of this amazing and inspiring Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Saul Raisin for his strength and unyielding spirit and
29 recognize his altruistic service to others.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Saul Raisin.