

House Resolution 2086

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Bell of the 58th, Ashe of the 56th, Gardner of the 57th, and Dobbs of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2012 Henry W. Grady High School Mock Trial Team; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2012 Henry W. Grady High School Mock Trial Team earned recognition
4 and acclaim with their recent victory at the Georgia High School Mock Trial State
5 Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, the team is composed of Grady High School students from all grade levels, and
7 in preparation for this year's competition, the members of the team, together with their
8 teacher and attorney coaches, spent countless hours in practice; and

9 WHEREAS, to win the title of state champions, the Grady High School team defeated the
10 Atlanta International School on March 18, 2012, at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration
11 Center in Lawrenceville; and

12 WHEREAS, Grady High School's mock trial team is the first state champion team to receive
13 the George H. Carley State Championship Gavel and be recognized with the Outstanding
14 Witness Award; and

15 WHEREAS, the team's victory brought home the school's sixth state title, with previous wins
16 in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2011, and it is the only team in Georgia high school mock
17 trial history to have four consecutive state championships; and

18 WHEREAS, this year's mock trial case involved charges of aggravated assault, felony
19 murder, and malice murder in which teams were evaluated on their ability to make a logical,
20 cohesive, and persuasive presentation; and

21 WHEREAS, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, the
22 objective of the mock trial program is to further students' understanding of court procedure

23 and the legal system; to improve proficiency in basic skills such as listening, speaking,
24 reading, and reasoning; to promote better communication and cooperation between the
25 educational and legal communities; to provide a competitive event in an academic
26 atmosphere; and to promote cooperation among young people of various abilities and
27 interests; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of this young team have developed and refined their mental
29 agility, verbal adroitness, and intellectual acumen and brought great pride to their school,
30 classmates, and families; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding record of scholarly
32 achievement and peerless performance of the members of the team be recognized
33 appropriately.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body congratulate the 2012 Henry W. Grady High School Mock Trial
36 Team on their fourth consecutive state championship title.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 2012 Henry W. Grady
39 High School Mock Trial Team.