

House Resolution 101EX

By: Representative Maddox of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and congratulating Teresa Edwards on her induction into the Naismith Memorial
2 Basketball Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, former Cairo High School Syrupmaid Teresa Edwards was inducted on August
4 12, 2011, into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, since her days as a star player for the Cairo High School girls' basketball team
7 in her hometown of Cairo, Georgia, Teresa Edwards has been a dominating force and pioneer
8 in the evolution of women's basketball; and

9 WHEREAS, Teresa Edwards was the first American basketball player to participate in five
10 Olympic Games - winning gold four times and bronze the fifth time; and

11 WHEREAS, she stood out early in her athletic career when she led the Cairo High School
12 Syrupmaids to a state championship before helping the Lady Bulldog Basketball team ascend
13 among the nation's premier programs from 1983 through 1986 and then going on to play two
14 years in the American Basketball League and two seasons in the WNBA; and

15 WHEREAS, this Grady County legend has competed for the United States on 19 different
16 teams, won 15 gold medals, and compiled a 205-14 record; and

17 WHEREAS, ranked No. 22 overall among *Sports Illustrated's* 100 greatest sportswomen of
18 the 20th century, Teresa Edwards has now been inducted into seven halls of fame, including
19 the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the U.S. National High School Sports Hall of
20 Fame, the UGA Athletic Association's Circle of Honor, the Grady County Sports Hall of
21 Fame, the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, Teresea Edward's name is forever associated with the game of basketball
23 because of her willpower, sacrifice, resilience, and sheer extraordinary talent as she has
24 helped to elevate women's basketball to new and greater levels of competitiveness and
25 excitement and has entertained, dazzled, and inspired basketball fans in this country and
26 throughout the world; and

27 WHEREAS, she has brought great pride to her family, friends, teammates, community, state,
28 and country, and the State of Georgia looks forward with eager anticipation to this
29 outstanding woman's future accomplishments.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor Teresa Edwards for her contributions to our society as a
32 professional athlete and a positive role model and congratulate her on being inducted into the
33 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Teresa Edwards.