

House Resolution 114

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Golick of the 40th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Kelley of the 16th, Thomas of the 100th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Georgia State College of Law for winning the National Trial Advocacy Mock
2 Trial Competition; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State College of Law's Mock Trial team, composed of 3L attorneys
4 Matt Hurst and Vandana Murty and 2L witnesses Carolyn Schillo and Ben Huntington,
5 traveled to the yearly competition hosted by Michigan State Law School and defeated teams
6 from Southern Methodist University, Catholic University, University of Akron, John
7 Marshall of Chicago, Thomas Cooley School of Law, and Texas Southern University to win
8 the championship title; and

9 WHEREAS, the competition consisted of three preliminary rounds, followed by a
10 quarterfinal round and a semifinal round, where the two finalists advanced to the single
11 elimination final round; and

12 WHEREAS, the team members were evaluated and scored by a judge and jury of
13 experienced attorneys on their advocacy skills and performance, including making and
14 responding to objections, handling exhibits, and arguing motions in line; and

15 WHEREAS, the competition began on October 25 and concluded on October 28, and with
16 perseverance and iron determination, the Georgia State College of Law Mock Trial team
17 placed first among 30 participating schools; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia State College of Law had the best record this fall of any law school
19 in the country, also having teams finish runner up at the Lonestar Classic and Daniel National
20 Mock Trial Competition; and

21 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
22 academic ability, the dedication and hard work, the unity of purpose and spirit of each
23 member of the team, and their superb range of knowledge; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
25 remarkable, ambitious, and intelligent Georgians be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the Georgia State College of Law Mock Trial team on
28 their victory.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia State College
31 of Law.