

House Resolution 121

By: Representatives Pak of the 108th, Harrell of the 106th, Chandler of the 105th, Thomas of the 100th, Floyd of the 99th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Trickum Middle School Academic Team for being crowned National
2 Champions of the Academic National Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Trickum Middle School's Academic Team, composed of four eighth graders,
4 Julie Wang, Jordan Rice, Keaton Law, and Brent Bessemer; one seventh grader, Jason Fan;
5 and one sixth grader, Ansel Ahabue, traveled to the Academic National Championship for
6 the first time ever in the team's 14 year history, defeating 46 other teams for the
7 championship title; and

8 WHEREAS, the team qualified for the national tournament by winning first place at the
9 GATA state finals and by placing second in the PAGE state finals; and

10 WHEREAS, team members are chosen after participating in a rigorous written test, a buzzer
11 test, and a tough mock competition, where questions cover a range of academic topics; and

12 WHEREAS, the academic team members and their families, as a result of fundraising efforts,
13 were able to fully finance their trip to Washington, D.C., where competition began on June 1
14 and continued through June 3; and

15 WHEREAS, with perseverance and iron determination, the academic team remained the only
16 undefeated team on the national level, setting records for their high scores; and

17 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
18 academic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
19 member of the team; their superb range of knowledge; the astute leadership of Kay Sands,
20 principal of Trickum Middle School; and the direction of Coaches Cary Sell and Linda
21 LaPerre; and

22 WHEREAS, Cary Sell, a certified Georgia Master Teacher who has spent 14 of his 21 years
23 as a teacher with the students at Trickum Middle School, worked tirelessly to prepare his
24 students for the championship in addition to his other responsibilities to the Trickum Science
25 Fair and the PAGE Academic Decathlon; and

26 WHEREAS, Linda LaPerre, a certified Georgia Master Teacher who has devoted 18 of her
27 29 years as a teacher with the gifted students of Trickum Middle School, was extraordinarily
28 committed to the academic team's success in addition to her responsibilities to the Trickum
29 Odyssey of the Mind organization; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the victory of the Trickum Middle School Academic
34 Team.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Trickum Middle School.