

House Resolution 458

By: Representative Allison of the 8<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Emma Garrison on her significant achievements; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Emma Garrison, a freshman at Union County High School, won the Region AA  
3 Cross Country State Championship on November 10th, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this exceptional athlete was the first female to win a state championship in any  
5 sport in the history of Union County High School; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Region AA Cross Country State Championship five-kilometer race had 190  
7 girls competing, and Emma Garrison finished first with a time of 19:56, 14 seconds in front  
8 of the second place competitor; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Emma Garrison's first place finish helped lead her team, the Union County  
10 Panthers, to a seventh place finish in the championship meet out of 29 teams; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she also won the Region 8 AA competition in Oglethorpe, Georgia, with a time  
12 of 19:22 before winning the Region AA Cross Country State Championship; and she broke  
13 a decade-long Union County High School record with a time of 19:22 at Unicoi; and
- 14 WHEREAS, under the direction of Coach Jackie Hughes, this distinguished individual has  
15 obtained other impressive victories, including a first place finish at Meeks Park, located in  
16 Blairsville, Georgia, and a first place finish in Murphy, North Carolina; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Emma Garrison, an avid runner since the seventh grade, also attended the state  
18 meet with her eighth grade team and placed third overall with a time of 13:01 for a two-mile  
19 course; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she is the beloved daughter of Leila and Jeff Nicholson and Josh Garrison; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this  
22 exceptional athlete be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend Emma Garrison on her Region AA Cross Country State  
25 Championship win and extend to her their best wishes for future success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emma Garrison.