

## House Resolution 773

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Bell of the 58<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Gabrielle Douglas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Gabrielle Douglas, a 17 year old gymnast and two-time Olympic Gold medalist,  
3 has become an inspiration for youth across America; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she began her gymnastics career at the age of six, and she won her first  
5 championship at only eight years old; and
- 6 WHEREAS, when she turned 14, Gabrielle Douglas left her family and home of Virginia  
7 Beach, Virginia to train with coach Liang Chow in West Des Moines, Iowa; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 2010, she made her first appearance on the national scene at the 2010  
9 SuperGirl Cup in Massachusetts, and in 2011 she won a gold medal in the World Artistic  
10 Gymnastics Championship in Tokyo, Japan; and
- 11 WHEREAS, her performance in the 2012 Olympic Trials placed her on the 2012 Women's  
12 Olympic Team for the London Olympics; and
- 13 WHEREAS, at the Olympics Gabrielle dominated the competition, becoming the first  
14 African American to receive a gold medal in the All-Around Individual Event; and she also  
15 shared a gold medal with the rest of the American Women's Gymnastic Team, which  
16 included Kyla Ross, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman, and Jordyn Wieber, making these  
17 young women the first American Women's Gymnastics team to bring home the gold since  
18 1996; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths and talents, and it is abundantly  
20 fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable individual be  
21 appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Gabrielle Douglas.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Gabrielle Douglas.