

House Resolution 1777

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Gardner of the 57th, Lindsey of the 54th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending WXIA-TV 11 Alive's photojournalist Jon Samuels and
2 television reporters Matt Pearl and Jaye Watson; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, WXIA-TV 11 Alive's Jon Samuels, Matt Pearl, and Jaye Watson traveled to
4 Sochi, Russia, to provide Georgians with unique and in-depth coverage of the 2014 Winter
5 Olympic Games; and

6 WHEREAS, Jon Samuels, Matt Pearl, and Jaye Watson diligently and conscientiously
7 devoted their time, talents, and energy to bringing the Winter Olympics into the homes of
8 Georgians, allowing each viewer to experience the games like never before; and

9 WHEREAS, they reported and bore witness to the 28 United States medals earned in the
10 2014 Winter Olympic Games; and

11 WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals were able to convey the pageantry that is the
12 Winter Olympics from across the world to Georgians who thoroughly enjoyed the sights,
13 sounds, and spectacular coverage; and

14 WHEREAS, they continually spotlighted Georgia's own Olympic athletes through their
15 exclusive interviews and coverage of the athletes' events, strengthening the sense of
16 hometown pride for Georgia's athletes; and

17 WHEREAS, on behalf of the only Georgia television station at the 2014 Winter Olympic
18 Games, Jon Samuels, Matt Pearl, and Jaye Watson worked tirelessly shooting footage,
19 editing story packages, and interviewing Olympic athletes; and

20 WHEREAS, Jon Samuels, Matt Pearl, and Jaye Watson represent the highest ideals of
21 journalistic integrity, and their dedicated reporting of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games is
22 worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend WXIA-TV 11 Alive's Jon Samuels, Matt
25 Pearl, and Jaye Watson for their outstanding work reporting the 2014 Winter Olympic Games
26 and express to them their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Jon Samuels, Matt Pearl, and
29 Jaye Watson.