

## House Resolution 1914

By: Representatives Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup> and Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Jakeenan Gant; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jakeenan Gant, a senior basketball player at Effingham County High School,  
3 has signed with the University of Missouri; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jakeenan enjoyed a fine basketball season his sophomore year and then stepped  
5 up further at the 2012 Peach Jam, proving to be one of the class of 2014's most impressive  
6 run/jump athletes; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was approached by several colleges and universities looking to sign one of  
8 the most successful Georgia athletes; these schools included the Georgia Institute of  
9 Technology, the University of Georgia, the University of Cincinnati, Clemson University,  
10 Marquette University, the University of Mississippi, Xavier University, and George Mason  
11 University; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this six-foot-eight power forward is ranked 53rd on ESPN's Top 100  
13 Recruitment List and has averaged 19.3 points per game on Effingham County's varsity  
14 basketball team; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Jakeenan has better than average ball handling for his size and can shoot from  
16 15 feet consistently; he looks more comfortable facing the basket than with his back to it, but  
17 his athleticism allows him to score in the paint with polished moves; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his high school basketball career is ending with one very large honor as he has  
19 been named the Atlanta Tipoff Club's 2014 State Player of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, Jakeenan has had 12 double-doubles and scored at least 36 points in three  
21 games, twice netting 38 points; he has also had two triple-doubles of more than ten points,  
22 rebounds, and blocked shots in a game; and

23 WHEREAS, he was also named the Region 3-AAAAA player of the year by region coaches;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, as this magnificent player has earned his well-deserved reputation for  
26 excellence by performing with precision and dedication over months of training and  
27 competition, it is abundantly proper to call him a champion.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Jakeenan Gant for his outstanding  
30 accomplishments as a Georgia high school basketball player and express to him their most  
31 sincere best wishes for continued success at the University of Missouri.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jakeenan Gant.