

House Resolution 131

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Tanner of the 9th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, and Dunahoo of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Cadet Jonathan Chase Strickland of the University of North Georgia and
- 2 inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, in the United States Army's 2014 National Order of Merit List, which ranked
- 4 more than 5,617 Army ROTC cadets, Cadet Jonathan Chase Strickland excelled as the top
- 5 Army ROTC cadet in the nation and is United States Army Cadet Command's Cadet of the
- 6 Year, based on performances at the Army's Leadership Development Assessment Course,
- 7 physical fitness, campus leadership performance, and academic achievement; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Strickland, a native of Gainesville, Georgia, is majoring in International Affairs
- 9 with a Middle East concentration and will commission as a second lieutenant in military
- 10 intelligence upon graduation in the spring of 2015; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as part of his educational experience through the University of North Georgia,
- 12 Strickland has studied abroad at the NATO Defense War College in Rome, Italy; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a soldier in the Georgia Army National Guard, Strickland won the "Best
- 14 Warrior of the 48th Brigade" competition in 2013; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia will commission 83 officers in 2015, a record
- 16 high number, and nearly a third of those cadets finished in the top 20 percent of the National
- 17 Order of Merit List, earning the status of Distinguished Military Graduate, while five of those
- 18 UNG cadets finished in the top 10 percent in the national rankings; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia, founded in 1873, is the state's second-oldest
- 20 public institution of higher education and is one of only six senior military colleges in the
- 21 nation; and

22 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia is designated by state legislation as The
23 Military College of Georgia and by the Board of Regents of the University System of
24 Georgia as a state leadership institution for civilian and military students; and

25 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia earned the prestigious MacArthur Award in
26 1991, 1995, and 2010, in recognition of outstanding performance as an Army ROTC
27 program, based on the ideals of the late General Douglas MacArthur.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Cadet Jonathan Chase Strickland as the number one
30 cadet in the nation and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date
31 and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Cadet
34 Jonathan Chase Strickland.