

House Resolution 218

By: Representative Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Calhoun High School Lady Jackets softball team on winning the 2014  
2 GHSA Class AAA State Championship, commending Coach Diane Smith on her continued  
3 reputation of excellence, and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, through training, talent, and iron will, the Calhoun High School softball team  
6 earned their third consecutive regional championship and reached the pinnacle of success by  
7 winning the 2014 GHSA Class AAA State Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the talented Lady Jackets are coached by Diane Smith, a legend in her own  
9 right, as she was named 2014 AAA Coach of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Diane Smith teaches physical education at Calhoun Middle School and  
11 has earned the title of "winningest coach" in Calhoun's history; and

12 WHEREAS, as a high school softball coach, she led her team to ten region championships  
13 and two state championship titles in two different classifications, AA and AAA; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 school year marks her 38th year in education, all of those serving  
15 as a physical education teacher in Calhoun City Schools, and she is a proud graduate of  
16 Calhoun High School and was the first female athlete to receive an Athletic Scholarship from  
17 CHS; and

18 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Berry  
19 College, a master's degree in health and physical education from Jacksonville State  
20 University, and a specialist degree in supervision and administration from Lincoln Memorial  
21 University; and

22 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
23 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each  
24 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of  
25 their coach; and

26 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by  
27 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is  
28 abundantly proper to call them champions.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body congratulate the Calhoun High School Lady Jackets softball team  
31 on winning the 2014 GHSA Class AAA State Championship, commend Coach Diane Smith  
32 on her continued reputation of excellence, and invite them to be recognized by House of  
33 Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House of  
34 Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 Lady Jackets of Calhoun High School.