

House Resolution 857

By: Representatives Dickson of the 6th, Broadrick of the 4th, and Meadows of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Dalton State College basketball team for winning the 2015 NAIA national
2 championship game; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance, countless hours of practice, and unyielding
4 determination, in its first year of championship eligibility, the Dalton State College
5 basketball team outscored the Westmont College team 71-53 to win the NAIA national
6 championship at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri; and

7 WHEREAS, the Dalton State College basketball program was disbanded 35 years ago and
8 was reinstated only last season, and the Dalton State Roadrunners are the first team to play
9 in and win its first national championship tournament since 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, Dalton State College is the third team in the 16 year history of the NAIA's
11 Southern States Athletic Conference to reach the national championship's final game; and

12 WHEREAS, players Jordan Bowling, Anthony Hilliard, Sean Tate, Preston Earle, and
13 Ladaris Green played with excellence and determination, leading the team to its outstanding
14 victory; and

15 WHEREAS, Dalton State's team made more free throws (91) during the national
16 championship tournament than its opponents attempted (76); and

17 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
18 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
19 member of the team and their coach, Tony Ingle; and

20 WHEREAS, the Dalton State Roadrunners finished their inaugural season tournament with
21 a 5-0 record on the way to winning their first-ever national championship; and

22 WHEREAS, junior forward Jordan Bowling was honored as the NAIA Division I Men's
23 Basketball National Championship Tournament's Most Valuable Player after averaging 17
24 points in Dalton State's five national championship tournament games and scoring 18 points
25 in the national championship final game; and

26 WHEREAS, junior forward Jordan Bowling and senior forward Preston Earle were named
27 to the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship All-Tournament Team; and

28 WHEREAS, senior forward Ladaris Green was named the Southern States Athletic
29 Conference Player of the Year and an NAIA Division I Men's Basketball All-American; and

30 WHEREAS, senior guard Sean Tate was named an NAIA Division I Men's Basketball
31 All-American; and

32 WHEREAS, the administration, faculty, fans, and boosters of Dalton State College served
33 as a constant source of support and encouragement for the Roadrunners and Coach Tony
34 Ingle; and

35 WHEREAS, Dalton State head coach Tony Ingle was named the 2014-2015 Rawlings-NAIA
36 Division I Men's Basketball Coach of the Year; and

37 WHEREAS, each magnificent team member earned his well-deserved reputation for
38 excellence by performing with courage and precision over months of training and
39 competition, and it is abundantly proper to call them champions.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
41 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in congratulating the Dalton State College
42 basketball team for winning the 2015 NAIA national championship and extend their most
43 sincere best wishes for future success.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 Dalton State College basketball team.