

House Resolution 1499

By: Representative Ealum of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Deerfield-Windsor School Knights on winning the 2015 Dr. Michael Drake
2 Athletic Excellence Award and commending their longtime athletic director Gordy Gruhl for
3 his outstanding leadership; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Drake Award recognizes the top overall athletic program of the 27 schools
5 in the Georgia Independent School Association AAA division; and

6 WHEREAS, the Knights capped off an award-winning year by winning the Drake Award for
7 the first time in school history; and

8 WHEREAS, they garnered state championships in boys basketball and baseball and girls
9 track, and they were state runners-up in girls swimming, golf, and tennis and boys soccer and
10 track; and

11 WHEREAS, the Knights finished with 94 points, topping runner-up August Prep which
12 earned 66 points; and

13 WHEREAS, athletic director Gordy Gruhl has been an integral part of the Deerfield-Windsor
14 athletic program for many years; and

15 WHEREAS, Gordy Gruhl praised the coaching staff and athletes by saying "this award was
16 achieved because of strength across our entire athletic program. There have been many
17 schools who have won state titles in multiple sports who did not come close to winning the
18 Drake Award because they lacked support from the other sports. Our coaches are incredibly
19 willing to share athletes and to allow them to compete in multiple sports. That doesn't happen
20 at every school"; and

21 WHEREAS, Deerfield-Windsor fields varsity teams in 17 sports, and 14 of those teams
22 earned points by advancing to the playoffs.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the Deerfield-Windsor School Knights on winning the
25 2015 Dr. Michael Drake Athletic Excellence Award and commend their longtime athletic
26 director Gordy Gruhl for his outstanding leadership.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Deerfield-Windsor School Knights and Gordy Gruhl.