

## House Resolution 1833

By: Representatives Ramsey of the 72<sup>nd</sup> and Teasley of the 37<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Lani DeMello for her outstanding feats at the Down Syndrome  
2 International Gymnastics World Championships; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lani DeMello earned the title of World Champion at the Down Syndrome  
4 International Gymnastics World Championships in Mortara, Italy, by winning gold medals  
5 for her ball and club routines and silver medals for her hoop and ribbon routines; and

6 WHEREAS, she also competed in the world championships in 2011, earning a gold medal  
7 for her ball routine, and has participated in Special Olympics at the regional and state levels,  
8 earning numerous awards; and

9 WHEREAS, currently training at Chattooga Gymnastics and Dance School in Marietta,  
10 Georgia, she began dance lessons at the age of four and has been competing since she was  
11 13; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. DeMello also coaches other athletes, both typical and special needs  
13 individuals, and competes against non-special needs competitors in certain programs; and

14 WHEREAS, she is the daughter of proud parents, Ana and Donald DeMello, who are  
15 committed to her well-being and love of ballet and gymnastics, and is thankful for her  
16 family's devotion to her training; and

17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she attends Holy Trinity Church in  
18 Peachtree City, Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. DeMello's coach, Cindy Bickman, calls her an "Ambassador to the World"  
20 for showing what people with disabilities can do; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
22 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and honor Lani DeMello for her exemplary  
25 accomplishments in the sport of Rhythmic Gymnastics and extend to her their most sincere  
26 best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lani  
29 DeMello.