

House Resolution 294

By: Representative Raffensperger of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) and its member teams; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the GHSFL offers the organization, support, and guidance to high schools
4 wishing to develop a fencing program, providing students the opportunity to participate in
5 a classical sport that demands physical fitness and teaches patience and decisiveness; and

6 WHEREAS, USA Fencing, the sport's national governing body, recognizes the GHSFL as
7 the fastest growing high school fencing league in the United States, and as the third largest
8 such league in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, from a field of over 400 fencers who participated in the 2016-2017 GHSFL
10 season tournaments, 84 men and 77 women attending 18 of the 20 high schools in the league
11 were among those who qualified to participate in the 2017 Individual Championships hosted
12 by Alpharetta High School on January 28, 2017; and

13 WHEREAS, in both the men's and women's competitions, the top eight finalists were
14 awarded individual championship medals; and

15 WHEREAS, Roswell High School fencer Anthony Martin captured 1st in the men's
16 competition and Kevin Feng of Johns Creek High School finished 2nd; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpharetta High School fencer Arthur Yu and Chance Gilbreth of Northview
18 High School tied for 3rd place, and rounding out the top eight were Eden Hilton of Lassiter
19 High School in 5th place, Patrick Malloy of Northview High School in 6th, Caleb Colburn
20 of Alpharetta High School in 7th, and Amith Vadlamudi of Milton High School in 8th; and

21 WHEREAS, in the women's competition, Elaine Wen of North Springs High School and
22 Caroline Kwon of Johns Creek High School won 1st and 2nd place, respectively, and

23 Chattahoochee High School's Jeannie Lee and Ana Cristian of Pope High School tied for 3rd
24 place; and

25 WHEREAS, Elina Moon of Chattahoochee High School finished in 5th place, and Haley
26 Tinsley of Alpharetta High School in 6th, Amy Ahn of South Forsyth High School in 7th,
27 and Maggie Fritts of Centennial High School in 8th; and

28 WHEREAS the team championships were held at Pope High School on February 4, 2017,
29 and in both the men's and women's competitions, the top four teams were awarded team
30 championship trophies; and

31 WHEREAS, the Northview High School team of Patrick Malloy, Chance Gilbreth, Joshua
32 Jeon, and Alex Kim captured 1st place in men's competition, while the Pope High School
33 team of Ana Cristian, Lyndsay Wagner, Ellie Fayet, and Rebecca Xhajanka won 1st place
34 in women's competition; and

35 WHEREAS, the teams from Alpharetta High School (Caleb Colburn, Derek Wang, Russell
36 Lea, and Joshua Ng), Centennial High School (Nick Bray, Jermain Leon, Daniel Sandfelder,
37 and Quinn Harrison), and Lassiter High School (Eden Hilton, Joe Gonzalez, Kai Weissman,
38 and Dakota Smith) finished in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place, respectively, in the men's competition,
39 and in the women's competition the Chattahoochee High School team (Elina Moon, Jeannie
40 Lee, Annabel Hsu, and Samantha Yvellez) captured 2nd place, South Forsyth High School
41 (Amy Ahn, Mary Zhou, Carly Butler, and Ariana Wang) took 3rd place, and Creek High
42 School (Caroline Kwon, Rita Wang, Angie Chen, and Christine Cheng) finished in 4th place.

43 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body honor the Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) and its
45 member teams and express their support for the continued growth of the sport of fencing
46 among Georgia high schools.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
49 Georgia High School Fencing League.