

House Resolution 586

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th, and Glanton of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending James Michael Walker, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, James Michael Walker, Jr., a senior at Jonesboro High School, is the first
3 Clayton County Public Schools student athlete to be named a McDonald's All-American and
4 selected to participate in the 40th Annual McDonald's All-American Basketball Game in
5 Chicago, Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, James Michael Walker, Jr., better known as M.J. Walker, is the son of James
7 and Jackie Walker and has one older sister, Amoni; and

8 WHEREAS, during his time at Jonesboro High School, he scored over 2,200 points, played
9 in two state basketball championships, one state runner-up, and was a wide receiver on the
10 football team; and

11 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in his academics at Jonesboro
12 High School where he has maintained a 3.87 GPA, is a member of the National Honor
13 Society, and is involved in industry credential engineering and technology; and

14 WHEREAS, he was named to the 2017 USA-Nike Hoop Summit Team, nominated for the
15 GA Gatorade Player of the Year, and was a part of the 2016 gold medal USA Men's U18
16 National Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, his other awards and honors include the 2016 *USA Today* All-USA Georgia
18 second team, 2016 MaxPreps Junior All-American honorable mention, 2015 MaxPreps
19 National Sophomore of the Year and Sophomore All-American, 2015 and 2016 Georgia
20 Region 4A Player of the Year and All-Region first team, 2016 *Atlanta Journal Constitution*
21 All-State first team, 2016 Georgia Coaches Association Class 4A South Player of the Year,
22 2016 *Clayton News Daily* Player of the Year, 2016 Atlanta Tipoff Club Naismith All-State
23 first team, 2016 *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Metro Southside Player of the Year and

24 All-Metro Southside first team, 2016 HoopSeen Georgia Class 4A Junior Player of the Year
25 and All-State first team, and 2015 *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Slam Dunk winner; and

26 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has earned his well-deserved reputation for athletic
27 achievement by performing with initiative and precision over months of training and
28 competition; and

29 WHEREAS, his work ethic and competitive fire have earned him the respect and admiration
30 of his teammates and peers and have given inspiration to many, and it is abundantly fitting
31 and proper that this outstanding scholar and athlete be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend James Michael Walker, Jr. for his
34 outstanding scholastic and athletic talents and wish him continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to James
37 Michael Walker, Jr.