

House Resolution 938

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 25, 2018, as A.E. Beach High School Day at the state capitol and
2 commending former Globetrotters Kevin "Thunderbolt" Sutton, TyRone "Hollywood"
3 Brown, Matthew "Showbiz" Jackson, and Bruce "Sugar Bear" Capers on their outstanding
4 community involvement; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Kevin "Thunderbolt" Sutton has used his status as a Globetrotter and an
6 Executive Leader in the work force to reach out to youth, give back to his home town of
7 Savannah, Georgia, and extend the same services to youth around the world; currently gives
8 back to the community by inspiring and encouraging others in the community to engage in
9 youth mentorship; and hopes to encourage today's youth to explore their own talents and
10 potential by using his own; and

11 WHEREAS, TyRone "Hollywood" Brown developed his basketball skills at seven years old;
12 met Larry "Gator" Rivers, a Globetrotter legend and fellow Savannah native, at age 14, and
13 later received an invitation to the Harlem Globetrotters camp through Larry; soon went on
14 to become a member of the world famous team where he replaced the great Curly Neal as
15 ball handling star; currently travels the country and Canada as a motivator, literacy and
16 character educational speaker for school districts, corporations, nonprofit organizations and
17 churches; and is the first Harlem Globetrotter in its 90 year history to have the distinction of
18 writing a book for children; and

19 WHEREAS, Matthew "Showbiz" Jackson won an All City award in both basketball and
20 football, and was a leader of his team to the 1981 Regional Finals; served his country in the
21 United States Air Force; led the Air Force basketball team to multiple championships; was
22 accepted to the "World Famous Globetrotters International"; became one of the most talented
23 and funniest "Showmen" in Globetrotter history; played professionally with the team for 20
24 years; won the MVP award for the Harlem Globetrotters; and still enjoys working with his
25 foundation "Kids First Athletics," where he continues to conduct basketball camps,
26 motivational speaking, and celebrity basketball games for charitable benefits; and

27 WHEREAS, Bruce "Sugar Bear" Capers is a professional athlete, successful business
28 executive, motivational speaker, spokesperson, educator, and championship winning high
29 school and college basketball coach; was invited to play with the world famous Harlem
30 Globetrotters after a tour with the Generals; was offered the opportunity to be a Goodwill
31 Ambassador by Globetrotters management; has helped his students to achieve their goals by
32 empowering youth as a coach; and has fulfilled his dream of becoming a championship
33 winning college basketball coach; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that we recognize and commend the lives and
35 achievements of these spectacular athletes, and extend sincere best wishes for future health
36 and success.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize January 25, 2018, as A.E. Beach High School Day at the
39 state capitol and commend former Globetrotters Kevin "Thunderbolt" Sutton, TyRone
40 "Hollywood" Brown, Matthew "Showbiz" Jackson, and Bruce "Sugar Bear" Capers on their
41 outstanding community involvement.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Kevin
44 "Thunderbolt" Sutton, TyRone "Hollywood" Brown, Matthew "Showbiz" Jackson, and Bruce
45 "Sugar Bear" Capers.