

House Resolution 547

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Carson of the 46th, and Cooper of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia High School Fencing League and its member
2 teams; and for other purposes.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, from a field of more than 450 fencers from the 21 high schools who participated
11 in the 2018-2019 GHSFL season tournaments, 84 men and 84 women are among those who
12 qualified to participate in the 2019 Individual Championships hosted by Chattahoochee High
13 School on January 26, 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, the following young men and young women earned medals in the GHSFL
15 Individual Championships: In the men's event the top eight, in order, were: Arthur Yu
16 (Alpharetta High School), Jacob Danzig (Johns Creek High School), Gabriel Chen (Walton
17 High School), Tyler Cho (Chattahoochee High School), Arnav Singh (South Forsyth High
18 School), Anthony Freeman (BEST Academy), Cole Tinsley (Alpharetta High School),
19 Donny Gu (Chattahoochee High School). In the women's event the top eight, in order, were:
20 Elaine Wen (North Springs High School), Madeline Janowski (North Springs High School),
21 Hannah Huang (Northview High School), Hannah Soderberg (Dunwoody High School), Safa
22 Bamatraf (Pope High School), Ariana Wang (South Forsyth High School), Robin Guerra
23 (Lassiter High School), Lauren Banks (Northview High School); and

24 WHEREAS, the following teams earned trophies in the GHSFL Team Championships: In
25 the men's events the top four teams, in order, were: Alpharetta High School (Arthur Yu, Cole
26 Tinsley, Darren Liu, Derek Wang), Chattahoochee High School (Daniel Ryu, Donny Gu,
27 Ryan Moon, Jeffrey Xu), Pope High School (Jett Smith, Matthew Chambers, Ian Shaw,
28 Austin Jordan), Walton High School (Gabriel Chen, Dhilan Paramesh, Ambroise Juston,
29 Daniel Catanese). In the women's events the top four teams, in order, were: North Springs
30 High School (Elaine Wen, Madeline Janowski, Madeleine Dada, Stella Roden), Northview
31 High School (Gracie Gilbreth, Christina Lim, Lauren Banks, Hannah Huang), Pope High
32 School (Lyndsay Wagner, Samantha Hasleton, Sara Nelson, Safa Bamatraf), Campbell High
33 School (Paula Thornton, Adriana Mendes, Sofia Mendes, Ana Herndon); and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
35 extraordinary athletes and the organization through which they compete be appropriately
36 recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia High School Fencing League
39 and its member teams and express their support for the continued growth of the sport of
40 fencing among Georgia high schools.

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