

House Resolution 212

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Romman of the 97th, Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Juniors Running Club; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Juniors Running Club was established in 2013 with just 40 students from
3 grades third through fifth; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the club currently operates out of Baldwin Elementary School in Norcross,
5 Georgia, and has grown to include approximately 100 elementary school runners, 30 middle
6 school runners, and 15 high school runners; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the club's teams have achieved significant competitive success, with its
8 elementary school runners winning multiple cluster races against six elementary schools in
9 the Norcross cluster and its middle school team earning numerous podium finishes since it
10 began competing in cross country in 2014; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the middle school runners finished the 2016 and 2019 seasons with remarkable
12 perfect season records, ranking seventh in the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Juniors Running Club was awarded the Arthur Blank Scholarship,
14 providing over 100 pairs of new Mizuno running shoes to its elementary and middle school
15 athletes; and

16 WHEREAS, the club has competed several times at the Junior Olympics Nationals and
17 Regionals, including in Birmingham, Alabama, in 2016; Tallahassee, Florida, in 2017 and
18 2019; Charleston, South Carolina, in 2018; Madison, Wisconsin, in 2019; Lexington,
19 Kentucky, in 2020 and 2021; and Louisville, Kentucky, in 2024 at the Middle School
20 Nationals; and

21 WHEREAS, the mission of the Juniors Running Club is to promote movement and fitness
22 through the sport of running, prepare runners for high school cross country and track
23 competition, and serve as ambassadors for the sport and their schools; and

24 WHEREAS, these magnificent teams have earned their well-deserved reputation for
25 excellence, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that their extraordinary accomplishments
26 be appropriately honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend the Juniors Running Club for its many
29 exemplary victories as well as extend best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Juniors Running Club.