

## House Resolution 465

By: Representatives Santos of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Kahaian of the 81<sup>st</sup>, Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Flournoy of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the McDonough High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps  
2 Warhawk Battalion; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, composed of students from McDonough High School and eighth graders from  
4 McDonough Middle School, the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC)  
5 Warhawk Battalion is both the oldest and one of the most decorated NJROTC units in Henry  
6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, the Warhawk Battalion has been selected as a Distinguished Unit 19 times in  
8 the last 20 years and has earned Unit Achievement twice, placing it among the top 20 percent  
9 of over 600 NJROTC units nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, the program is led by Retired Chief Warrant Officer-4 Rawley Colemon, Senior  
11 Naval Science Instructor; Retired Master Chief Petty Officer Sanja Walker, Naval Science  
12 Instructor; and Retired Chief Petty Officer Timothy Welch, Naval Science Instructor, whose  
13 leadership and dedication have greatly contributed to the success of the program and its  
14 cadets; and

15 WHEREAS, in the past five years, eight cadets from the Warhawk Battalion have gained  
16 entrance into United States service academies while others have pursued higher education  
17 at institutions such as the University of Georgia, Georgia State University, Morehouse  
18 College, Spelman College, Savannah State University, Alabama A&M University, Georgia  
19 Southern University, and Gordon College, among many others; and

20 WHEREAS, the Warhawk Battalion emphasizes the importance of community involvement  
21 through participation in events such as the annual Veterans Day Parade, Christmas Canned  
22 Food Drive, and Christmas Parade as well as service projects for the Heritage Park Veterans  
23 Memorial, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the "Hands-on-Henry" Community  
24 Clean-up, and Noah's Ark; and

25 WHEREAS, the program further enhances cadet development through field trips, including  
26 an overnight visit to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in South Carolina,  
27 exposing cadets to national historical landmarks and military traditions; and

28 WHEREAS, through its commitment to leadership, academic excellence, and community  
29 service, the McDonough High School NJROTC Warhawk Battalion continues to shape the  
30 next generation of disciplined and service-oriented leaders.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend the McDonough High School Navy Junior Reserve  
33 Officers Training Corps Warhawk Battalion for its decades of service to Henry County and  
34 extend best wishes for the continued success of its cadets.

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 the  
37 McDonough High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Warhawk Battalion.