

## House Resolution 700

By: Representatives Hilton of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Dunahoo of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup>, Kahaian of the 81<sup>st</sup>, New of the 40<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Happy Hitters of North Atlanta; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Happy Hitters of North Atlanta pickleball team was co-founded by Karla  
3 Blaginin and Arthur Jackson to provide athletes with special needs the opportunity to  
4 develop skills, build friendships, and compete in pickleball; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the team's roster was created with 12 athletes from Peachtree Corners, Roswell,  
6 Alpharetta, Dunwoody, and the surrounding area with the support of six community  
7 volunteers, five parent volunteers, and generous donors who helped cover game fees, team  
8 shirts, and refreshments; and
- 9 WHEREAS, ACE Pickleball has donated space to the team for two seasons in a row for  
10 practice, events, and meetings, and the Ace Pickleball Club of Roswell has lent its indoor  
11 courts and space; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the team includes dedicated players Cici Rose, Colin Cooperider, Dana Lu,  
13 Elijah Nunn, Gracie King, Jack Chaplin, Jake Jeffries, Kirtana Bulusu, Luke Harriman, Max  
14 Bartholomai, Mimi Ngo, and Myles Henderson, all of whom have exhibited outstanding  
15 sportsmanship; and

16 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Karla Blaginin, athlete Mimi Ngo has advanced  
17 to mainstream pickleball tournaments, expanding opportunities for special needs athletes  
18 within the sport; and

19 WHEREAS, the Happy Hitters of North Atlanta continue to be a shining example of  
20 inclusivity, perseverance, and the positive impact of adaptive sports programs, fostering  
21 personal growth and community support for athletes with special needs.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend the Happy Hitters of North Atlanta for their excellence  
24 in pickleball and extend best wishes for their continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 Happy Hitters of North Atlanta.