

House Resolution 1379

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, McClain of the 109th, Ali of the 106th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Juniors Running Club of Norcross; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Juniors Running Club was founded in the fall of 2013 at Norcross
3 Elementary School in Norcross, Georgia, with just 40 runners in grades 3-5, and by spring
4 2014 had grown to over 100 active members; and
- 5 WHEREAS, today the program operates out of Baldwin Elementary School in Norcross and
6 includes more than 100 elementary school runners, 30 middle school runners, and 15 adult
7 runners; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Juniors Running Club strives to promote movement and fitness through the
9 sport of running; to prepare runners for high school cross country and track; to serve as
10 ambassadors for running and for Baldwin Elementary, Summerour Middle, and Norcross
11 High in the Norcross community, Gwinnett County, Georgia, and beyond; and to inspire
12 teachers and parents to live active, healthy lifestyles; and
- 13 WHEREAS, during the 2025-2026 season, the Baldwin, Summerour, and adult teams
14 collectively known as Norcross Running participated in Global Running Day 2025, and

15 Baldwin Elementary hosted a highly successful fall program, averaging 80-90 runners each
16 Friday morning at 7:00 a.m.; and

17 WHEREAS, the Baldwin Juniors compiled an impressive total of 1,601 miles as a group,
18 with 65 runners reaching the half marathon distance of 13.1 miles and 8 runners achieving
19 the full marathon distance of 26.2 miles; and

20 WHEREAS, the Baldwin Juniors earned 1st place in the Girls Division and 2nd place in the
21 Boys Division in the Cluster Race among seven local schools; and

22 WHEREAS, the Summerour Juniors achieved several podium finishes, including three
23 1st-place wins and a 3rd place finish at the Gwinnett County Championship out of 21 middle
24 schools, a 2nd place team finish in a USATF Cross Country meet alongside Baldwin Juniors,
25 and a historic first podium finish for the boys in the North Georgia Meet in Athens, Georgia;
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27 WHEREAS, both Baldwin and Summerour Juniors capped off the season with an
28 out-of-state trip to Louisville, Kentucky, to compete in the Middle School Nationals 2025;
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30 WHEREAS, training resumes in March as the runners prepare for the Spring Track Season,
31 the Baldwin Schoolwide Fun Run, and the Norcross Cluster Distance and Track Meet; and

32 WHEREAS, the Juniors Running Club exemplifies excellence in youth athletics and
33 community engagement, fostering dedication, teamwork, and healthy lifestyles among the
34 young people of Norcross and Gwinnett County; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
36 exceptional program be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend the Juniors Running Club of Norcross for
39 their remarkable achievements during the 2025-2026 season and extend best wishes for
40 continued success.

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 Juniors Running Club.