

House Resolution 113

By: Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Buckner of the 137th, and Jenkins of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending the LaGrange College Panthers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the LaGrange College Panthers have established and maintained a proud
3 tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another triumphant season of baseball
5 competition by posting an outstanding record of 44 wins and only nine losses, including 537
6 runs, 674 hits, 134 doubles, and 484 RBIs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, their 2022 season featured decisive victories over several competitors as the
8 team steadily advanced to the NCAA Division III National Championship, including North
9 Carolina Wesleyan University, the Centenary College of Louisiana, and Chapman
10 University; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as further testament to their athletic prowess, six Panthers were selected to
12 the 2022 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III Region 6
13 All-Region teams; and

14 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
15 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the
16 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach
17 David Kelton; and

18 WHEREAS, Head Coach Kelton was recognized as the 2022 Coach of the Year for the
19 ABCA/ATEC NCAA Division III Region 6, which stands as testament to his dedication to
20 coaching excellence; and

21 WHEREAS, despite the tragic loss of two team members, this magnificent team performed
22 with precision during the season and earned its well-deserved reputation for high standards
23 of athletic achievement, the quality of its play, and the stiff competition it presented to its
24 opponents.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body congratulate and commend the LaGrange College Panthers for
27 their outstanding performance during the 2022 baseball season and extend best wishes for
28 continued success both on and off the field.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 public and the press.