

House Resolution 2037

By: Representatives Waites of the 60th, Stephens of the 165th, Smyre of the 135th, Prince of the 127th, Oliver of the 82nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Angela Thompson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Angela Thompson was born in Savannah, Georgia, and attended Richard
3 Arnold High School; she earned a basketball scholarship to Fort Valley State College in Fort
4 Valley, Georgia, where she excelled academically and athletically; and

5 WHEREAS, her drive, integrity, and true love of coaching has allowed her to accumulate an
6 impressive number of prestigious awards and accolades for the amazing work she has
7 continued to do with countless student-athletes in the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, some of the highlights of Coach Thompson's illustrious career include an
9 undefeated regular season at Griffin High School, record of 28-2 at Lakeside High School,
10 sub-region champions for Lakeside High School in 1995, 1997, 1998, and 1999, region
11 champions for Lakeside High School in 1998 and 2001, and several Sweet Sixteen
12 appearances; and

13 WHEREAS, she has paved the way for future female high school coaches as the first African
14 American female to win a state championship while coaching a boys basketball team; and

15 WHEREAS, within a four-year span at Griffin High School, Coach Thompson celebrated an
16 impressive record of 89 wins and 17 losses, and her team was the number-one team in the
17 state in 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, she was recognized by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as the Coach of the
19 Month in February of 1998; in addition, the DeKalb County School System awarded Coach
20 Thompson the distinction of Coach of the Month during the 1998 and 2001 school years; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Thompson holds the distinction of being the GACA Region Coach of
22 the Year in 1998 as well as 2001, and was also selected by the Atlanta Tip-Off / AJC

23 selection committee in 2004 for the more than 200 wins she has garnered during her inspiring
24 coaching career; and

25 WHEREAS, she aims to encourage and mold future basketball coaches to continue her
26 legacy of melding together a partnership of integrity and awe-inspiring passion for the
27 coaching profession and the bright and promising student-athletes of the great State of
28 Georgia.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Coach Angela Thompson for her
31 dedication and commitment to the students of this state and express to her their most sincere
32 best wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Angela Thompson.