

House Resolution 1231

By: Representative Battles of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Brooke Rucker and inviting her to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Brooke Rucker was awarded the title of Distinguished Young Woman of
4 Georgia for the Class of 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that inspires
6 high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative
7 experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments; and

8 WHEREAS, the program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 700,000
9 young women, and more than \$93 million in cash scholarships have been awarded at the
10 local, state, and national levels combined; and

11 WHEREAS, Distinguished Young Women strives to give every young woman the
12 opportunity to further her education and prepare a successful future; the organization helps
13 young women develop self-confidence and the abilities to interview effectively, to speak in
14 public, to perform on stage, and to build interpersonal relationships; and

15 WHEREAS, Brooke is currently a senior at Woodland High School, where she is actively
16 involved in academic and extracurricular activities and is 7th in her class of 396 with an SAT
17 score of 1760; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a part of the Musical Theatre Performing Arts School, is a National
19 Honor Society member, and serves as a dance captain and co-chair of the Thespian Society;
20 she has received many accolades, including the Outstanding Georgia Citizenship Award and
21 Accelerated Math Department Student of the Year, and was a featured dancer at the Shuler
22 Hensley Awards Ceremony and a Governor's Honors Program state finalist in theatre, and

23 these remarkable achievements show Brooke's diligent work ethic and scholastic effort,
24 which are ideal qualities for a Distinguished Young Woman scholar; and

25 WHEREAS, promoting the national platform of Distinguished Young Women, "Be Your
26 Best Self," Brooke has volunteered in several capacities, serving as a camp counselor and
27 instructor at the Trinity United Methodist Church basketball camp and providing technical
28 support for Woodland High School Fine Arts Academy performances; and

29 WHEREAS, she has been invited to speak to schools from elementary to high school to share
30 her positive message of "Being Your Best Self," and it's a five-part challenge: Be Healthy,
31 Be Ambitious, Be Involved, Be Responsible, and Be Studious; and

32 WHEREAS, Brooke Rucker is the sixth representative of Bartow County to win
33 Distinguished Young Woman of Georgia since the program's inception in 1958.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body heartily commend Brooke Rucker's spectacular scholastic
36 endeavors, recognize her for being honored with the title of Distinguished Young Woman
37 of Georgia, express the most sincere best wishes for her continued academic success in the
38 future, and invite her to be recognized at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the
39 House of Representatives.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Brooke Rucker.