

House Resolution 1420

By: Representatives Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, and Rakestraw of the 19<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Taylor C. Duncan; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Taylor C. Duncan, the son of Clark Duncan of Carrollton, Georgia, and Cindy  
3 Duncan of Dallas, Georgia, was diagnosed with autism and sensory integration dysfunction  
4 at the age of four; and

5 WHEREAS, Taylor, now 22 years old and an honor graduate of James Madison High  
6 School, is the creator and commissioner of Alternative Baseball Organization, Inc., a baseball  
7 league focused on turning disabilities into abilities and breaking barriers by implementing  
8 a safe, nurturing, supportive, and learning environment for teens and adults with autism and  
9 other special needs; and

10 WHEREAS, Alternative Baseball Organization, Inc., is starting its second program this  
11 spring with plans to expand throughout the south and across the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Alternative Baseball Organization's opening day exhibition will be held on  
13 March 18, 2018, between the West Cobb Trail Blazers and the West Georgia Dynamos; and

14 WHEREAS, Taylor was certified on February 24, 2018, and is now employed by Atlanta  
15 International Umpires; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a motivational speaker and member of Toastmasters of West Georgia,  
17 where he serves as Vice President of Public Relations and where he has earned the status as  
18 Competent Communicator and will soon complete the Competent Leader and Advanced  
19 Communicator Bronze programs; and

20 WHEREAS, Taylor's passion for service led him to establish "Taylor Tries" to encourage  
21 others with autism and special needs to step outside their comfort zone to try new activities  
22 and experiences; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
24 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized and the State of Georgia looks with  
25 great anticipation toward the future of this bright and promising young citizen.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Taylor C. Duncan for his manifold  
28 contributions to the State of Georgia and extend their sincere best wishes for his continued  
29 success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Taylor C. Duncan.