

House Resolution 1646

By: Representative Leverett of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and congratulating Jaukeem Fortson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jaukeem Fortson is an eighth-grade student at Elbert County Middle School;
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, this talented young man is blessed with a beautiful and versatile singing voice;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Jaukeem is a dedicated member of the Elbert County Middle School Beta Club;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, as part of his service to the Elbert County Middle School Beta Club, Jaukeem
9 traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, between June 23 and 26, 2023, for the National Beta Club
10 Convention; and
- 11 WHEREAS, at the convention, Jaukeem was one of 56 contestants from across the nation
12 who competed in the Performing Arts Solo, Duo, and Trio Category; and

13 WHEREAS, during the preliminary round, all contestants had two minutes to perform in
14 front of a panel of four judges; and

15 WHEREAS, following Jaukeem's performance of "Rise Up" by Andra Day, three of the four
16 judges gave him a perfect score, placing him in the top three contestants; and

17 WHEREAS, Jaukeem and the other top three contestants then performed at the official
18 opening session of the convention in front of a different panel of judges and a crowd of over
19 10,000 attendees; and

20 WHEREAS, Jaukeem received a standing ovation following his performance, and a rush of
21 kids, including whole Beta Clubs, from all over the room ran to greet him and asked for
22 pictures; and

23 WHEREAS, Jaukeem placed first in the category, making him a National Beta Champion;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, due to his accomplishments and accolades as a National Beta Champion,
26 Jaukeem will be competing in the "Hallelujah Audition" in Burlington, Iowa, on May 16 to
27 19, 2024, which will include a live performance on May 18 in which viewers will be allowed
28 to vote for their favorite contestant; and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to his reputation as an excellent singer and performer, Jaukeem is
30 known as a kind and humble young man; and

31 WHEREAS, Angela Scoggins is the sponsor of the Elbert County Middle School Beta Club,
32 and she has supported Jaukeem every step of the way; and

33 WHEREAS, Jaukeem is the son of Jaukeece Fortson and Lashanna Allen, a kindergarten
34 teacher at Elbert County Primary School, and is brother to little sister Jada; and

35 WHEREAS, Jaukeem's impressive achievements deserve the highest praise and recognition.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and congratulate Jaukeem Fortson for his hard work and
38 outstanding accomplishments and extend to him best wishes for continued personal success
39 and achievement.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
42 Jaukeem Fortson.