

House Resolution 1798

By: Representatives Gonzalez of the 117<sup>th</sup> and Wallace of the 119<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Victor "Beau" Shell, the "Lil Ice Cream Dude"; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Victor "Beau" Shell is affectionately known around Athens, around Atlanta, and  
4 throughout most parts of the state as the "Lil Ice Cream Dude"; and

5 WHEREAS, Beau started his first business when he was eight years old, selling ice cream  
6 out of an ice cream cart, and 2018 marks the "Lil Ice Cream Dude's" seventh year in  
7 business; and

8 WHEREAS, a full-time student at Athens Christian School, he admirably balances the  
9 responsibilities of entrepreneurship and those of school with the help of his mother, Vickie,  
10 who has been instrumental in supporting his endeavors and continues to encourage and foster  
11 his creative skill set; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2013, Beau became the youngest member and Keynote speaker for the  
13 International Association of Ice Cream Distributors and Vendors Annual Convention; he is  
14 the youngest person to ever join the Athens Chamber of Commerce; and to date, he has  
15 worked more than 450 events, grossed more than \$100,000 in sales, and raised more than  
16 \$21,000 to open his very own brick-and-mortar store in Athens, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, despite being a teenager, Beau has garnered an impressive list of recognitions  
18 and awards; he was the youngest member of Zagat's Atlanta 30 Under 30 inaugural class of  
19 2015 and was chosen as a Spark for the Usher New Look Foundation Start the Spark; he was  
20 named as Motivating the Masses Entrepreneur of the Year by Lisa Nichols; he was  
21 recognized with the American Family Insurance Young, Gifted and Dreaming Fearlessly  
22 distinction; and he has also been selected to participate in the King Center MLK50 Forward  
23 Centennials Speak event that will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018; and

24 WHEREAS, Beau's entrepreneurial motivation spawned in part from his desire to give more  
25 money to his school's missionary; he wanted to donate more than the few coins his mother  
26 could afford to give him; and

27 WHEREAS, as Beau's business has grown, so too have his contributions to his school,  
28 community, and favorite charitable organization, UGA Miracle; and

29 WHEREAS, Beau has donated more than \$2,500 to his school's missionary fund, which  
30 helps to build, run, and maintain Christian Schools in Africa; he has donated more than  
31 \$2,000 to local charities in Athens, including Books 4 Keeps, Junior League of Athens,  
32 American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, the Humane Society, Chess and  
33 Community, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens; and in total, Beau's contributions to  
34 charitable work include donations in excess of \$17,500; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this  
36 phenomenal young man be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize Victor "Beau" Shell, the "Lil Ice Cream Dude," for his  
39 exceptional example of stewardship, citizenry, and charitable work; commend him for his  
40 entrepreneurial talent; and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued growth,  
41 development, and success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
44 Victor "Beau" Shell, the "Lil Ice Cream Dude."