

## House Resolution 1799

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mallory Harris for her scholarship, public outreach, volunteer  
2 work, and continued political advocacy efforts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mallory Harris was born and raised in Dunwoody, Georgia, where she  
4 graduated high school as Valedictorian; and

5 WHEREAS, her academic pursuits took her to the University of Georgia as a Foundation  
6 Fellow, where she earned undergraduate degrees in both math and computation; and

7 WHEREAS, Mallory was the recipient of the 2017 Goldwater Scholarship, the most  
8 prestigious undergraduate award for research in the STEM disciplines, and has been  
9 recognized for her work on disease forecasting, which was conducted in the Center for the  
10 Ecology of Infectious Disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Mallory has served as a volunteer for educational outreach programs in  
12 Athens-Clarke County, including MathCounts, Barrow Elementary School's math and  
13 reading intervention program, and the Athens all-girls math team; and

14 WHEREAS, her political advocacy has centered around her pursuit of sensible gun safety  
15 legislation, and she has organized multiple rallies in Athens, Georgia, to showcase opposition  
16 to the guns on campus bill of 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, Mallory regularly coordinates tabling events and hosts meetings to foster  
18 discussion on gun violence prevention in her community; and

19 WHEREAS, she helped to drive 14,873 calls against guns on campus to the Governor's office  
20 in 2017 and then collected comments from students across the state and delivered them to  
21 legislators during Moms Demand Action's 2018 Advocacy Day; and

22 WHEREAS, Mallory served as a featured college student speaker in Liberty Plaza, where  
23 she spoke to a crowd of more than 1,800 Georgians regarding gun violence in America; and

24 WHEREAS, she was the lead organizer of the Athens, Georgia, March for Our Lives event,  
25 which attracted over 600 attendees and included voter registration, election information, gun  
26 safety discussion, and candidate speeches, and spotlighted the intersections of gun violence,  
27 racial violence, school safety, suicide prevention, and domestic violence; and

28 WHEREAS, Mallory Harris is becoming a name to remember through her academic success  
29 and political advocacy; and

30 WHEREAS, the public has been moved and inspired by her work, and it is abundantly fitting  
31 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this exemplary citizen be further  
32 recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend the efforts of Mallory Harris, an  
35 outstanding academic product of Georgia's public education system who has excelled in her  
36 STEM field at UGA, for her continued commitment to political advocacy.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
39 Mallory Harris.