

Senate Resolution 418

By: Senator Brass of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team on
2 winning the 2017 Cheersport National Championship in the Special Needs Division; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Cheersport Nationals is the world's largest cheerleading competition hosting
5 over 900 teams and 20,000 cheerleaders in 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, the national competition has been the largest event of any kind held in Atlanta
7 since 2006 and is the first competition to offer a forum for teams with special needs; and

8 WHEREAS, the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team was sponsored by the
9 Newnan School of Gymnastics and Cheerleading, an organization started by Cricket Shelnut
10 28 years ago to help children reach their potential through athleticism and self-confidence;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Newnan School of Gymnastics and Cheerleading has sent teams to
13 Cheersport Nationals in the past, the 2017 "Super Stars" squad was the organization's second
14 special needs team entered in the competition in coordination with the Coweta County
15 Special Olympics; and

16 WHEREAS, under the direction of Coach Serik Barrios, the Newnan Southern Stars "Super
17 Stars" came through with flying colors, winning the title as the nation's best; and

18 WHEREAS, the "Super Stars" squad was composed of team members Gabriella Antonucci,
19 Courtney Benson, Maggie Brewer, Colleen Davis, Kaleigh Hanson, Katie Harwell, Audrey
20 Huddleston, Brooke Marshall, Cadence Reece, Katie Shiffert, Alicia Sulkowski, Journey
21 Whorton, and Justin Whorton; and

22 WHEREAS, the cheer team's assistants included Alex Noles, Kinsie Carroll, Rebekah Cobb,
23 Courtney Freed, and Jennifer Freed; and

24 WHEREAS, these outstanding young Georgians have demonstrated considerable discipline,
25 coordination, and teamwork throughout the season, and their cheerleading routines and
26 formations reflect their creativity, spirit, and dedication.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team on their win of the 2017
29 Cheersport National Championship in the Special Needs Division.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Newnan
32 Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team and their assistants and coaches.