

House Resolution 80

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Strickland of the 111th, Rutledge of the 109th, and Knight of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending two-time Olympian Natasha Hastings for her athletic achievements; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Natasha Hastings was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1986, attended the
4 University of South Carolina, and now resides in Locust Grove, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she has established and maintained a proud tradition of excellence, and this
6 superlative athlete has won awards and championships at the collegiate, national, and
7 international levels; and

8 WHEREAS, as a collegiate athlete, Natasha Hastings established herself as one of the
9 country's best 400m runners, winning numerous national titles in both indoor and outdoor
10 events, and was named the 2007 SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, in world championship competition, she has won five gold medals, two silver
12 medals, and one bronze medal; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2008, Natasha Hastings earned a spot on the United States Olympic Track
14 and Field Team representing the country at the Beijing Olympics, where she went on to win
15 the gold medal with the women's 4x400m relay team; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2016, she once again earned the privilege to represent the nation at the
17 Olympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, again securing gold in the 4x400m relay and
18 taking fourth place in the individual 400m; and

19 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performances of this individual are clear indicators of her
20 outstanding athletic ability and talents, dedication to hard work, and her competitive spirit;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, as this magnificent individual earned her well-deserved reputation for
23 excellence by performing with courage, precision, and heart over months of training and
24 competition, it is abundantly proper to call her a champion.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Natasha Hastings for her tremendous athletic
27 achievements and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Natasha Hastings.