

House Resolution 1138

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Zoe Willis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Zoe Willis has been named the 2023 NCAA Division II National Player of the
3 Year by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and the Division II Conference
4 Commissioners Association; and

5 WHEREAS, as a first-team All-American at second base, she delivered an extraordinary
6 offensive season in Peach Belt Conference history with a .447 batting average, 25 home runs,
7 and 67 runs batted in (RBI), leading all of NCAA Division II in home runs and home runs
8 per game as well as setting both program and conference single-season records; and

9 WHEREAS, her unparalleled performance extended beyond batting as she led Division II
10 with a .993 slugging percentage and finished in the top six in total bases (151), on-base
11 percentage (.563), and RBI, alongside a commendable record as a pitcher with a 14-3 record,
12 a 2.54 earned run average, and 99 strikeouts in 104.2 innings; and

13 WHEREAS, Willis' achievements further include being named the Conference Player of the
14 Week twice in 2023 as well as having five multi-home run games and eight games with three
15 or more RBI; and

16 WHEREAS, she made history in 2022 as the first Lady Hurricane to ever be named the
17 Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year, and her continued excellence in 2023 marked the
18 first time in school history that a student-athlete earned the conference's top individual award
19 in consecutive seasons; and

20 WHEREAS, her dedication extends off the field as evidenced by her commitment to her
21 studies as a pre-medicine major and her active participation in the GSW Ambassador
22 program and the GSW Marshals; and

23 WHEREAS, her superior skill, strategy, stamina, and control have earned her the respect and
24 admiration of her teammates and challengers; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative abilities of this
26 accomplished and gifted student-athlete, as well as the pride, honor, and respect she has
27 brought to herself, her school, and her community, be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Zoe Willis, 2023 NCAA Division II
30 National Player of the Year, and extend best wishes for success in the future.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Zoe
33 Willis.