

## House Resolution 75

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, and Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Maya Van Wagenen, a 16-year-old award-winning teen author, and inviting  
2 her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, her first full-length non-fiction book, *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern*  
4 *Greek* debuted on the *New York Times* Bestseller List; and

5 WHEREAS, Maya Van Wagenen earned a spot on *TIME Magazine's* "The Sixteen Most  
6 Influential Teens of 2013" and *Huffington Post's* "The Thirteen Most Fearless Teens of  
7 2013"; and

8 WHEREAS, in November, 2013, DreamWorks purchased the film rights for *Popular*,  
9 making her the youngest non-actor to sign a deal with the studio; and

10 WHEREAS, she is currently working her way through her junior year at Statesboro High  
11 School while penning her next manuscript for Dutton Penguin Books; and

12 WHEREAS, Maya is the owner and president of Girl in Pearls, LLC, a corporation that  
13 manages and licenses literary and film properties; and

14 WHEREAS, her book *Popular* has received many literary awards and honors, including:  
15 "2015 Lone Star Reading List," Texas Library Association Young Adult Round Table;  
16 "Goodreads Choice" Finalist, Best Memoir & Autobiography; Junior Library Guild  
17 Selection; "Spring Okra Picks," Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance; Best Young  
18 Adult Memoir, Readings (Australia); *New York Times* Bestseller List; and

19 WHEREAS, her short stories have earned many awards and honors, including: First Place  
20 in Flash Fiction, "The Princess of Route 4 B"; Second Place in Poetry, "In the Course of a  
21 Day"; Second Place in Creative Non-Fiction, "Sunflowers and Oak Trees"; and First Place,  
22 "Just One Pea Can Make a Difference"; and

23 WHEREAS, Maya Van Wagenen has been recognized as: "Best Debut Young Adult Author"  
24 by *Justine Magazine*; "Top 25 Under 20" by *The Times* (London); "The Sixteen Most  
25 Influential Teens of 2013" by *TIME Magazine*; "The Thirteen Most Fearless Teens of 2013"  
26 by the *Huffington Post*; and "Top 10 under 20: 10 Teenagers Who Changed the World in  
27 2013" by *The Richest*.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Maya Van Wagenen for her outstanding literary works  
30 and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be  
31 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Maya  
34 Van Wagenen.