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HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL  
MOCK TRIAL TEAM

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2008*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate students, teachers, judges and attorneys residing in my Congressional District. Once again, I congratulate the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team for winning the National High School Mock Trial Championship on May 11, 2008, in Wilmington, Delaware. The Jonesboro team also won the national title in 2007 and has held State titles six times in the last 20 years.

The Jonesboro Mock Trial Team represents some of the best and brightest of Clayton County students. I want to take a moment to recognize the aspiring lawyers, the honors students and the Eagle Scout candidates who comprise this winning team. Special recognition must go to returning members Jayda Hazell, Jurod James, Tabias Kelly and Braeden Orr who competed with the 2007 team. In addition, I congratulate Brian Bady, Miguelande Charlestin, Kayla Daniels, Dominique Delgado, Lindsay Hargis, Bridget Harris, Avion Jackson, Adrienne Marshall, Laura Parkhouse, Joe Strickland and Ralph Wilson for their win.

The Jonesboro Mock Trial Team is fortunate to be guided by legal professionals including the Honorable John C. Carbo and the Honorable Deborah Benefield, both Clayton County State court judges, as well as Ms. Tasha Mosley and Ms. Katie Powers, attorney coaches. In these exercises, students gain insight about the American legal system including trial preparation and standard courtroom procedures. Jonesboro faculty sponsors Andrew and Anna Cox also helped the team since early in the fall term to the present so that the team members are prepared for their local, State and national competitions.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I am delighted to recognize the efforts of the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial team for their back-to-back victories. I hope to see the Jonesboro High School team compete again at the 2009 National Championship, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.