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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1275

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
2 AND THE LIVES THIS ORGANIZATION HAS TOUCHED, WHILE HONORING THE
3 MEMORY OF MICHAEL CAFFEY AND COACH JOHN LOTZ FOR THEIR
4 PARTICIPATION IN THIS ORGANIZATION.

5 Whereas, on November 19th, 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was
6 established in Norman, Oklahoma, by Don McClanen, in order to spread the message of Christ
7 among our athletes and young people across the country; and

8 Whereas, ever since that time, FCA has served as an indispensable organization for
9 promoting the moral and character development of young athletes and aiding them in their
10 Christian faith across America; and

11 Whereas, FCA's presence on middle school, high school, and college campuses
12 across North Carolina has served to bolster the efforts of our teachers and staff to improve the
13 development of our students; and

14 Whereas, FCA honors the four Christian values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork,
15 and Excellence, striving to assist its charges in displaying these values in their conduct both on
16 and off the playing field; and

17 Whereas, FCA has imbued many young people of this State and this country with
18 the spirit of Christ and the Christian faith, fostering their religious development and improving
19 their communities through strengthening the bonds of religion; and

20 Whereas, FCA has encouraged strong bodies and strong hearts for the young people
21 under its charge, encouraging exercise and sportsmanlike conduct within the framework of the
22 Christian faith; and

23 Whereas, through 60 years of service, FCA has done much to improve the lives of
24 everyone in our State through its mentorship of our young athletes and other students; and

25 Whereas, Michael Caffey of Rocky Mount was a man of God with integrity who
26 loved serving his Lord, loved serving and giving his life to others, and loved FCA and
27 supported its ministry with his time and finances; and

28 Whereas, Michael Caffey's deep commitment to God was seen in all areas of his
29 life, particularly while serving as an active member of the FCA and its ministry to athletes and
30 coaches in local schools; and

31 Whereas, as a member of First Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, Michael Caffey
32 helped to begin Sonlight Basketball by conducting Christ-centered basketball camps for
33 inner-city children in Rocky Mount and Brooklyn, New York, and continued to foster the



1 mission of FCA through his service at other churches in Rocky Mount, including Englewood
2 Baptist Church and NorthSide Community Church; and

3 Whereas, Coach John Lotz, a former head coach at the University of Florida and a
4 longtime assistant coach to Dean Smith at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was
5 also an FCA leader; and

6 Whereas, John Lotz, in his work as a coach, served as an example of the local good
7 works of FCA by displaying the leadership and mentorship qualities necessary to instill in our
8 young people respect for the Christian faith and discipline for the game and for their moral
9 character; and

10 Whereas, it is the hope that many of our young people today will benefit from the
11 examples of coaches and leaders like Michael Caffey and John Lotz through the work of FCA;
12 Now, therefore,

13 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

14 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the work of the Fellowship of
15 Christian Athletes, which has molded the young men and women of this country into blessed
16 citizens worthy of praise.

17 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives acknowledges those who, by their
18 work, have helped shape the Fellowship of Christian Athletes into the organization that it is
19 today and have served as coaches, teachers, and role models to the students with whom they
20 have worked.

21 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Michael Caffey
22 for his dedication to faith and athletics both in serving as an inspiration to the young people
23 with whom he worked and his efforts in setting up and organizing Sonlight Basketball in North
24 Carolina and elsewhere in the United States.

25 **SECTION 4.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Coach John
26 Lotz for his work and teaching, especially in North Carolina, and for his devotion to faith and
27 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' mission of assisting our young people on and off the
28 playing field.

29 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.