

House Resolution 1134

By: Representative Purcell of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jesse Finch; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jesse Finch is a native of Glennville, Georgia, and a 1949 graduate of
3 Glennville High School; and

4 WHEREAS, from the time he played his first varsity football game at the age of 12, he was
5 a legend at Glennville High School and throughout Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding athlete who competed in five sports in high school, was
7 an all-state selection in basketball, football, and baseball, won the state title in the broad
8 jump, and made it to the state semifinals twice in tennis; and

9 WHEREAS, as a senior during the 1948 football season, he ran for 29 touchdowns, including
10 23 touchdown runs of 35 yards or more, and passed for 20 more touchdowns in leading
11 Glennville High School to a 9-2 record; and

12 WHEREAS, he was selected to play in the 1949 GHSA All-Star Football game, in which he
13 was named as the Most Valuable Player; and

14 WHEREAS, in the regional basketball finals against Adrian High School he scored five
15 points in the final ten seconds to give Glennville High School a one-point victory and earn
16 himself a listing in Ripley's "*Believe It or Not*"; and

17 WHEREAS, he played baseball, basketball, and ran track at the University of Georgia and
18 played basketball and baseball for Georgia Teacher's College (now Georgia Southern
19 University), before transferring to South Georgia College, where he played football; and

20 WHEREAS, during his service in the U. S. Air Force, he was part of an armed forces team
21 which played baseball as a demonstration sport at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games; and

1 WHEREAS, after completion of his military service and the attainment of a degree from the
2 University of Georgia, he embarked on an outstanding career as a high school coach that
3 lasted from 1960 through 1972; and

4 WHEREAS, he was an amazing athlete who excelled in many sports and is the person who
5 truly set the standards by which athletic accomplishments are still measured at Glennville
6 High School.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 Jesse Finch is recognized and commended for his many outstanding athletic
9 accomplishments, for his dedication to sportsmanship, and for the manner in which he has
10 encouraged countless young people to excel in everything they do in life.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jesse Finch.