

House Resolution 654

By: Representative Parrish of the 144<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Coach James M. White, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on March 9, 2001, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most  
3 distinguished citizens with the untimely passing of Coach James M. White, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, over 40 years of his life was devoted to teaching and coaching youths across  
5 Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he moved to Swainsboro High School in 1969 where under his leadership teams  
7 and individual athletes won numerous athletic competitions at region and state levels; and
- 8 WHEREAS, over many years of coaching, he received numerous awards including a  
9 Lifetime Achievement award for basketball coaching, a Coach of the Year award in boys and  
10 girls track, and a National High School Girls' Track Coach of the Year award; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he retired from teaching in 1986 but continued to coach and officiate for several  
12 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his outstanding coaching and leadership skills have been an example to the  
14 young people he coached, to his colleagues, and to all who knew him; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the teams and individuals that he has coached  
16 reflects his dedication to high standards of achievement, commitment to hard work, and his  
17 encouragement of team spirit; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this generous, unselfish, and devoted teacher and coach  
19 leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
3 Coach James M. White, Sr.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Coach James  
6 M. White, Sr.