

## House Resolution 253

By: Representatives Burmeister of the 96<sup>th</sup> and Murphy of the 97<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Coach Gerald Barnes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coach Gerald Barnes is widely recognized throughout the nation as the  
3 personification of excellence in athletics; and

4 WHEREAS, this highly respected coach is the architect of one of the most successful high  
5 school baseball programs in the country, and has reached the elite plateau of 500 career wins;  
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7 WHEREAS, his role as a coach was to act as an instrument of inspiration and enthusiasm to  
8 his players; to create a positive learning environment by encouraging competitive instincts;  
9 and to instill the values and positive characteristics of hard work, dedication, and integrity;  
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11 WHEREAS, he is one of only four high school baseball coaches in Georgia to have amassed  
12 500 wins and one of only 63 in the entire country to have ever accomplished the feat; and

13 WHEREAS, he is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual  
14 coaches make on the quality of athletic training received by the young people of this state,  
15 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be recognized  
16 appropriately.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Coach Gerald Barnes for his years  
19 of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of baseball in Georgia  
20 and for the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people  
21 in this state.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Gerald Barnes.