

## House Resolution 379

By: Representatives Wix of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Post 1, Royal of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Jenkins of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Dean of the 49<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing sympathy at the passing of Coach John "Whack" Hyder; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, John Carl Hyder was born July 10, 1912 in Lula, Georgia; an outstanding  
3 athlete in basketball, baseball, cross country, and track, he earned a football scholarship to  
4 Georgia Tech because there were no basketball scholarships in those days and became a  
5 legend as the head basketball coach from 1951 until he retired on Valentine's Day 1973; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Coach "Whack" Hyder won 292 games in 22 seasons at the helm of the Tech  
7 program, a total unsurpassed until 1996 under Coach Cremins, and guided Georgia Tech to  
8 its first NCAA Tournament in 1960 and to two trips to the National Invitation Tournament;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, he graduated from Georgia Tech in 1937, he signed a professional baseball  
11 contract for three years in the New York Yankees farm system, served in the U.S. Navy  
12 during World War II, and returned in 1946 to his beloved Georgia Tech where he earned a  
13 sterling reputation, tamed Kentucky, and was twice named SEC coach of the year; and
- 14 WHEREAS, between 1955 and 1964, Hyder's teams beat the fabled coach Adolph Rupp's  
15 Kentucky Wildcats nine times, an unheard of record against The Baron, and for three years  
16 the Jackets beat the 'Cats twice in the same season; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Coach Hyder is a member of the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame and was elected  
18 to the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1979, and this mild-mannered coach who  
19 valued education and respected the individual left an indelible mark on the lives of his  
20 players.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 this body pays tribute to Coach John "Whack" Hyder and conveys sympathy to his family.

- 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 the Hyder family.