

Senate Resolution 583

By: Senators Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th, Johnson of the 1st and Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Vincent J. "Vince" Dooley for his leadership and many outstanding
2 accomplishments; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has been blessed for 40 years with the stewardship of
4 Vincent J. Dooley, as head football coach and athletic director, at our state's premiere
5 university; and

6 WHEREAS, over the course of his service at the University of Georgia, Vince Dooley's
7 foresight and leadership have guided the institution's athletics programs from a university
8 known primarily as a football school to a program that has achieved an unprecedented level
9 of overall athletic and academic achievement in all of its sports; and

10 WHEREAS, proof of the athletic program's transformation brought about as a result of
11 Vince's leadership is evident in the University of Georgia's success in the Sears Directors
12 Cup competition, that annually recognizes the top athletic programs in the country, where
13 the university has five top ten finishes in the past five years, including a second place finish
14 in the 1998-99 academic year and a third place finish in 2000-01; and

15 WHEREAS, since his hiring as the university's athletic director in 1979, Georgia has won
16 a remarkable 18 national championships and 75 SEC championships; and

17 WHEREAS, his service and commitment to the state and his community are exemplified by
18 his humanitarian contributions through his service as chairperson of the Georgia Easter Seals
19 Society for 28 years, his service on the advisory board of the Salvation Army, his efforts to
20 halt juvenile diabetes, and many more; and

21 WHEREAS, his philanthropic efforts have generated well over \$2 million toward the
22 Vincent J. Dooley Library Endowment Fund, part of the university's Third Century
23 Campaign, and \$1.5 million for the construction of new Salvation Army facilities in Athens.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body honors and
2 affirms the work and long standing service Vincent J. Dooley has devoted to the University
3 of Georgia, this state, and his community.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Vincent J. Dooley.