

House Resolution 1126

By: Representatives Heard of the 75th, McBee of the 74th, and Smith of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and expressing appreciation to Vince Dooley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Vincent J. Dooley was born September 4, 1932, in Mobile, Alabama, and
3 attended McGill High in Mobile before accepting a football scholarship to Auburn
4 University, where he was an all-star football and basketball player and received his bachelors
5 degree in business management in 1954, as well as a later master's in history in 1963; and

6 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Marine
7 Corps and went on to accept an assistant coaching position at Auburn; and

8 WHEREAS, he was named head football coach at the University of Georgia in 1963,
9 beginning a legendary and unparalleled tenure at that great institution, where he has now
10 served as head coach and athletic director for some 40 years; and

11 WHEREAS, his accomplishments and contributions to the university and the State of
12 Georgia are far too numerous to list, but special mention may be made of his 1980 national
13 championship season as head coach of the football team, his induction into the College Hall
14 of Fame in 1994, the 18 national championships won by various athletic teams during his
15 tenure as athletic director, and the selection of more than 100 student athletes from the
16 university as first team Academic All-Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional career achievements, he has always given most
18 generously of his time and efforts to a wide variety of civic and charitable endeavors,
19 including, to name only one of very many, service as chairman of the Georgia Easter Seals
20 Society for some 28 years; and

21 WHEREAS, he will soon retire from service to the University of Georgia to which he has
22 devoted 40 years of untiring and exemplary service and to which he has brought great honor.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body recognizes and expresses appreciation to Vince Dooley for his outstanding
3 leadership and contributions to the State of Georgia and for all the wonderful moments he
4 has brought to the lives of the student athletes and supporters of the University of Georgia.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
6 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Vince Dooley.