

House Resolution 1430

By: Representative Burmeister of the 96th

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 with 569 career wins, more than any other Georgia
6 high school baseball coach; and

7 WHEREAS, on January 24, 2004, he was inducted into the Georgia Dugout Hall of Fame;

8 WHEREAS, in his 28 years of coaching, his accomplishments are legion with back-to-back
9 state championships in 1987 and 1988, three South Georgia championships, 13 region
10 championships, 11 region runner-up titles, 13 region coach of the year awards, and one state
11 coach of the year award for the state at large; and

12 WHEREAS, his role as a coach is to act as an instrument of inspiration and enthusiasm to
13 his players; to create a positive learning environment by encouraging competitive instincts;
14 and to instill the values and positive characteristics of hard work, dedication, and integrity;
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16 WHEREAS, his dedication and inspiration have paid off handsomely with his players
17 through the years with 46 going on to play college baseball, 13 going on to play professional
18 baseball, and two players, Matt Childers and Jason Childers, currently on the major league
19 roster of the Milwaukee Brewers; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual
21 coaches make on the quality of athletic training received by the young people of this state,

1 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be recognized
2 appropriately.

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

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