

House Resolution 1768

By: Representative Rice of the 64th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Coach Skip Wilson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Coach James "Skip" Wilson, the winningest baseball coach in Temple
3 University history, is widely recognized throughout the nation as the personification of
4 excellence in athletics, and he won his 1,000th game on March 14, 2004; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in his 43rd year coaching baseball at Temple, this highly respected coach
6 became the 29th Division I coach and the 14th active coach in NCAA history to win 1,000
7 games; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this long-time legend guided the Owls to three Atlantic 10 Conference
9 Championships in 1983, 1984, and most recently, in 2001; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many great achievements, Coach Skip Wilson had the
11 distinction of being inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
12 in 1987 and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1994; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Coach Skip Wilson earned his master's degree from Temple in health and
14 physical education and taught in the Philadelphia school system for 33 years before retiring
15 from teaching in 1992; and
- 16 WHEREAS, as a testimony to his extraordinary coaching ability, over 100 of Coach Skip
17 Wilson's former players have gone on to play professional baseball; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Coach Skip Wilson has always had the human touch, and he inspires his players
19 and colleagues with his dedication, enthusiasm, and perseverance; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the many achievements and contributions of Coach Skip
21 Wilson be appropriately recognized and commended.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Coach Skip Wilson for his
3 numerous accomplishments and contributions to the great sport of baseball, for winning his
4 1,000th game, and for the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of
5 countless people.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Skip Wilson.