

## Senate Resolution 1093

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Stephens of the 51st and Hudgens of the 47th

## A RESOLUTION

1 In memory and honoring the lives of Mr. William Stephen "Billy" Venable and Mr. William  
2 Coleman "Bill" Venable; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Lilburn, the DeKalb County school system, Tucker High School,  
4 and the State of Georgia lost one of their most upstanding, decent, respected, and admired  
5 fathers and citizens and one of their finest, most promising, generous, and compassionate  
6 sons with the deaths of Mr. William Stephen "Billy" Venable and his son, Mr. William  
7 Coleman "Bill" Venable, on January 13, 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, the senior Mr. Venable was an Atlanta native and taught special education and  
9 coached wrestling and football for 26 years in the DeKalb County school system; and

10 WHEREAS, he was married to Susan Venable, his beautiful and loving wife of 26 years; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a coach to many but a friend to all and his colleagues and students,  
12 current and former, will never forget the many gifts he gave to Tucker High School and the  
13 young people of this state; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition and honor of his service and contributions to education and  
15 athletics, the DeKalb County Board of Education has named the county wrestling tournament  
16 the "William Stephen Venable Championship"; and

17 WHEREAS, the younger Mr. Venable was also an Atlanta native and standout senior at  
18 Tucker High School where he was a center for the football team and member of the wrestling  
19 team; and

20 WHEREAS, a diverse young man, the junior Mr. Venable's fondness for Shakespeare  
21 inspired him to perform, at every opportunity, in his school's productions of the playwright's  
22 work; and

1 WHEREAS, the young Mr. Venable was noted for his humor and polite and gentle manner  
2 and his willingness to help those in need, volunteering his time to baby-sit for friends and  
3 neighbors at a moment's notice; and

4 WHEREAS, surviving family members include wife and mother, Susan Venable; sons and  
5 brothers, Stephen Venable and Eddie Steele; and daughter and sister, Amy Venable; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. William Stephen Venable was 55 years of age and Mr. William Coleman  
7 Venable was 17 and both were heroes.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 remember and honor the lives of Mr. William Stephen "Billy" Venable and Mr. William  
10 Coleman "Bill" Venable, both outstanding individuals who will never be forgotten by family,  
11 friends, students, colleagues, or this state.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
13 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Susan Venable and Tucker High School.