

## House Resolution 306

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Coach Bonwell Royal, Head Coach of Coffee High School football team, on  
2 the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

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4 WHEREAS, Bonwell Royal was born and raised in Ambrose, Georgia, and graduated from  
5 Coffee High School in Douglas, Georgia, where he played football among other activities;  
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7 WHEREAS, he went on to attend South Georgia College and then Samford University on  
8 a football scholarship, lettering every year and being nominated as a Little All-American; and

9 WHEREAS, his first coaching job was as an assistant coach at Arab High School in Alabama  
10 and his first head coaching position was at Manchester High School in Georgia where he led  
11 the team to finish ninth in the state in his last of three years there before joining the faculty  
12 of his alma mater, Coffee High School, as head coach; and

13 WHEREAS, his coaching career spanned 34 years, 26 of which were at one school, Coffee  
14 High School; and

15 WHEREAS, he has led teams to five region championships, including the highly competitive  
16 Region 1-AAAAA in 2002, and his many outstanding accomplishments have been  
17 recognized in his selection as Okefenokee Coach of the Year twice, Satilla Area Coach of  
18 the Year, and Region Coach of the Year three times; and

19 WHEREAS, he was also chosen to coach the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game in 1990 and  
20 was selected to coach the Georgia All-Star Game in 1975, 1987, and 1993; and

21 WHEREAS, with 187 career wins, he ranks as the twenty-first most winning active coach  
22 in Georgia and the fiftieth most winning coach in the history of Georgia high school football;  
23 and

1 WHEREAS, he has been credited with helping to establish a sense of identity, tradition, and  
2 community at the new Coffee High School and has contributed to the development of  
3 countless student athletes many of whom have gone on to play college or professional  
4 football; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Mrs. Betty J. Viness Royal, with whom he  
6 has shared more than four decades of wedded bliss, an excellent father to their two children,  
7 and a beloved grandfather to their precious grandchildren.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 the members of this body join in commending Coach Bonwell Royal for his many years of  
10 dedicated service to the students of Coffee High School and extend their sincere best wishes  
11 on the occasion of his retirement.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Bonwell Royal,  
14 Coffee High School, and the Coffee County Board of Education.