

Senate Resolution 290

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

#### A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Bonwell Royal was born and raised in Ambrose, Georgia, and graduated from  
4 Coffee High School in Douglas, Georgia, where he played football among other activities;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, he went on to attend South Georgia College and then Samford University on  
7 a football scholarship, lettering every year and being nominated as a Little All-American; and

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, with 187 career wins, he ranks as the twenty-first most winning active coach  
21 in Georgia and the fiftieth most winning coach in the history of Georgia high school football;  
22 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
9 join in commending Coach Bonwell Royal for his many years of dedicated service to the  
10 students of Coffee High School and extend their sincere best wishes on the occasion of his  
11 retirement.

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