

Senate Resolution 314

By: Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Chapman of the 3rd, Schaefer of the 50th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Coach Frank Inman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Frank E. Inman is a native of Augusta, Georgia, and a graduate of Richmond
3 Academy Class of 1940. He graduated from Presbyterian College, after which he served a
4 stint in the United States Marine Corps. Coach Inman then attended Duke University,
5 obtaining a master's degree from that institution. During his time at Duke, Coach Inman
6 became a graduate assistant coach under the legendary football coach, Wallace Wade; and

7 WHEREAS, he returned to Augusta in 1947 to become an assistant football coach and head
8 basketball coach at his alma mater, Richmond Academy, founded in 1783. He became head
9 coach of the ARC Musketeers in 1956 as well as Athletic Director. In his first year as head
10 football coach, his team won the state championship defeating Northside High School of
11 Atlanta. He won the Region 2-AAA Championship in four of his six years. His overall
12 record was 51 wins with 11 losses and 4 ties. His teams won all of the regular season games
13 from 1959, 1960, and 1961 except the first game of the 1959 season when Richmond was
14 defeated by Southwest DeKalb 3-0. As athletic director of ARC, his athletic teams in the
15 1956-57 school year won the State Championships in football, baseball, golf, and track and
16 the tennis team was runner-up. During his time as head coach of the football program, Coach
17 Inman sent 22 players to Division I-A colleges on scholarships with nine players on the 1961
18 team receiving full grant-in-aids—a Georgia record at the time. Frank Inman then became
19 Assistant Football Coach at the University of Georgia from 1962 until 1979; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Inman had positive impact on an entire generation of Augustans as he
21 was a superb teacher in the classroom as well as a strict disciplinarian on the athletic field
22 and in the gym. His message was twofold: extreme hard work may pay off, and attention to
23 detail is a must to succeed in any endeavor. His influence was palpable on a whole
24 generation of young Augustans. He maintained a high profile in his community as he was
25 often interviewed in the Augusta newspapers and was the only high school coach in the
26 Augusta area to have his own TV program - *The Frank Inman Show* - which was seen

1 weekly in the 1950s and early 1960s on CBS affiliate, WDRW, during the fall. An anecdote
2 spoken in a hotel lobby in 1996 during a football reunion pretty well summed up Augusta's
3 feeling for Frank Inman; a young man attending a Butler High School reunion heard former
4 Richmond Academy players signing in for the Frank Inman Reunion at the same hotel. The
5 much younger man from Butler looked at one of the players and said, "Frank Inman was a
6 legend when I was growing up in Augusta"; and

7 WHEREAS, poignantly, he intervened in individual problem cases such as when he saw a
8 young promising student athlete languishing in a public housing development. Coach Inman
9 guided the pupil to a foster home near Richmond Academy, where the student became a
10 three- sport athlete and a superb student. Years later after graduating from West Point, where
11 he played football, and Harvard Business School, the grateful international businessman
12 reflected, "I don't know what would have happened to me if Coach Inman had not intervened
13 in my life"; and

14 WHEREAS, for the past 11 years, Coach Frank Inman has served as executive director of
15 the Sea Island Company Golden Isles Bowl Classic; and

16 WHEREAS, the Sea Island Company Golden Isles Bowl Classic is one of the most
17 prestigious junior college football bowl games in the country, and on the first Saturday each
18 December, two highly ranked and powerful junior college football teams meet in an always
19 exciting bowl game; and

20 WHEREAS, all proceeds from the bowl game go directly to support middle school athletic
21 and band programs in the Glynn County Public Schools, and thanks to the generosity of local
22 businesses and community members, the support of the National Junior College Athletic
23 Association, and the enthusiasm for the event shown by junior colleges across the country,
24 more than 1,000 middle school student athletes in Glynn County will compete in athletic
25 programs including football, boys' and girls' basketball, soccer, swimming, track, tennis,
26 cheerleading, volleyball, and band; and

27 WHEREAS, the Sea Island Company Golden Isles Bowl Classic is managed by a volunteer
28 Board of Directors that coordinates all functions associated with the game, as well as the
29 game itself, and under the direction of Coach Inman, the event has enjoyed unprecedented
30 success; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Inman has exerted a positive influence on thousands of young athletes
2 over the span of his career, and his merit was recognized on September 22, 2006, when the
3 Glynn County School System formally expressed its appreciation for his efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this indefatigable champion for the youth of his
5 community be recognized and commended.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 recognize and commend Coach Frank Inman for his many contributions to his community.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Frank Inman.