

Senate Resolution 671

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Mullis of the 53rd, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Coach Andy Landers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Coach Andy Landers is widely recognized throughout the nation as the
3 personification of excellence in athletics; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Coach Landers is the University of Georgia's first and only full-time women's
5 basketball head coach; and
- 6 WHEREAS, at 26 years of age he began his career with the University of Georgia in April
7 of 1979 on the heels of six losing seasons and a struggling program; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Coach Landers has been named four-time National Coach of the Year and led
9 Georgia to 15 top ten finishes in either or both the final Associated Press and USA
10 Today/ESPN national rankings during the last 25 seasons; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the graduation rate is 95.8 percent among four-year letter winners, a mark set
12 to improve when Cori Chambers and Janese Hardrick become the 47th and 48th of 50 to earn
13 their degrees in the coming months; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Coach Landers is the state's winningest college hoops head coach with the
15 December 3 win over Georgia Tech and the fourth major college women's hoops coach to
16 reach 750 career wins with UGA's victory at Richmond on December 21, 2006; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has coached three National Players of the Year, six players with a combined
18 12 Kodak All-American certificates, 12 chosen in the Womens National Basketball
19 Association (WNBA) draft, and seven first-round picks in the last seven years, and a total
20 of 17 Lady Bulldogs have gone on to play for the WNBA; and

1 WHEREAS, two players, Teresa Edwards and Katrina McClain, were the backbone of the
2 United States National Team for more than a decade with Edwards winning a Gold Medal
3 as co-captain in 2000 having won Gold in 1984 and two more with McClain in 1988 and
4 1996; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Landers has been elected to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and
6 will be inducted on June 9, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, his role as a coach is to act as an instrument of inspiration and enthusiasm to
8 his players; to create a positive learning environment by encouraging competitive instincts;
9 and to instill the values and positive characteristics of hard work, dedication, and integrity;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of individual
12 coaches make on the quality of athletic training received by the young people of this state,
13 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be recognized
14 appropriately.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 heartily and gratefully commend Coach Andy Landers for his years of sacrifice, foresight,
17 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of women's basketball in Georgia and the
18 nation and for the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young
19 people.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Andy Landers.