

## House Resolution 1228

By: Representatives Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup> and McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Coach Jack Keen and inviting him to appear before the House  
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Coach Jack Keen was born in Atlanta, Georgia on April 20, 1935; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he graduated from North Fulton High School in Atlanta, Georgia in 1953; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology from which he obtained a  
6 Bachelor of Science Degree in 1957 and Arizona State University where he obtained a  
7 Masters Degree in Mathematics and Natural Science in 1967; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served in the U. S. Army from 1957 until 1965; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he has been married for 48 years to Beverly Hampson and together they raised  
10 three boys and two girls, and they now are enjoying eight grandchildren; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Coach Keen has served for 45 years as a teacher of advanced mathematics, a  
12 coach, and an athletic director of high school wrestling, track, and cross country; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he began his teaching career in 1957 at North Fulton High School in Atlanta  
14 and transferred to Dykes High School in Atlanta in 1960, where he remained until 1965; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he moved to Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Georgia in 1965, where he  
16 teaches to this day; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Coach Keen has been a track and field official and has served at all levels,  
18 including 37 years as a meet director and/or meet referee for Georgia State Boys All  
19 Classification Track and Field Championships; and

1 WHEREAS, he is nationally certified as an official with USA Track and Field and has served  
2 as an official at NCAA's National Indoor and Outdoor Championships, Olympic Trials, and  
3 Olympic Games; and

4 WHEREAS, in his coaching career, he has coached 14 state championship teams, 15 state  
5 runner-up or third place teams, 111 individual state champions, 115 individual state  
6 runner-ups, over 250 individual state medal winners in boys track and field and boys cross  
7 country, and over 200 individual state medal winners in wrestling; and

8 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Georgia High School Coaches Hall of Fame, the National  
9 Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the Georgia Track and Field Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, he has been coordinator, speaker, and clinician at statewide and Southeastern  
11 track and field clinics and is a co-founder of the Boys All-Class Track Meet in the Georgia  
12 Olympics; and

13 WHEREAS, he has been selected STAR teacher 28 times over the past 42 years; and

14 WHEREAS, during his career he has taught Senator Johnny Isakson, former Senator Wyche  
15 Fowler, 1996 Olympic Head Billy Payne, his own children, and now his grandchildren.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 this body recognizes and commends Coach Jack Keen for his exemplary and outstanding  
18 career as a teacher and coach.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Coach Jack Keen is invited to appear before the House  
20 of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for the purposes  
21 of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.