

Senate Resolution 1001

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Coach Anson S. Callaway for his leadership and many outstanding
2 accomplishments; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has been blessed for 53 years with the stewardship of
4 Anson S. Callaway as teacher, coach, and recreation park director; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Callaway was born on July 25, 1935, in Tattnall County, Georgia, as the
6 14th child to Benjamin Josiah and Annie Lee Hall Callaway, and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Callaway attended Collins High School and graduated in May, 1951, at
8 the young age of 15, and in the fall he began his college career at Middle Georgia College
9 in Cochran, Georgia, and then went on to attend Georgia Teachers College, now Georgia
10 Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, and graduated with a degree in health and
11 physical education at age 19; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduating from college he was hired by his home school, Collins High
13 School, to teach physical education and government and to be the head basketball coach for
14 boys and girls and the baseball coach for the boys; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1957, the Collins High School boys basketball team went to the state finals
16 for the first time; in 1958, the girls basketball team had a 31-4 record; and in 1959, the girls
17 basketball team had a 32-1 record, losing the only game of the season in the state semifinals;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he began his career with the recreation department while teaching at Collins
20 High School in 1956; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Callaway accepted a job as head basketball and baseball coach, and
22 assistant football coach, at Groves High School in Savannah, Georgia in 1960; and

1 WHEREAS, while coaching at Groves, the baseball team was second in the region, and two
2 players from the team later signed with the Philadelphia Phillies; and

3 WHEREAS, not enjoying the city life and wanting to return to the country, he accepted a job
4 with Lyons Elementary School as physical education teacher and a second part-time job as
5 the recreation director for the City of Lyons; and finally in 1971, he transferred to Lyons
6 Junior High School to teach physical education; and

7 WHEREAS, he resigned from teaching, but turned right around and went full time with the
8 Lyons Recreation Department, where he continues to work today; and

9 WHEREAS, he coached the Lyons midget football team for 27 years and had ten undefeated
10 seasons; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Callaway was the force behind the construction of Partin Park in Lyons,
12 Georgia, where in June each year, the largest softball/baseball tournament in the state takes
13 place; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to teaching and coaching, he is an ordained deacon, serves actively
15 in his church both with adults and youth, and has refereed basketball games for 28 years,
16 including state tournaments, college women's games, and one pro game at Georgia Southern
17 University; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Callaway is a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Virginia Sikes, and
19 a loving father to his two daughters, Cathy and Kim, and his five wonderful grandchildren,
20 Anna, Callie, A. J., Robert, and Casey.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body honors Coach
22 Anson S. Callaway for the lives he has touched with his caring and enthusiastic spirit; the
23 inspiration and mentor he has been to countless young men and women; and the work and
24 long-standing service he has provided to his community and this state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Anson Callaway.