

House Resolution 1743

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Porter of the 143rd, Martin of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Andy Landers and inviting him to appear before the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Andy Landers is the University of Georgia's first and only full-time women's
4 basketball head coach; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Landers was born and raised in Maryville, Tennessee on October 8,
6 1952, and he is married to the former Pam McClellan and they have two children, Andrea
7 and Drew; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Friendsville High in 1970, and earned a bachelor's and
9 master's in Physical Education from Tennessee Tech in 1974 and 1975, respectively; and

10 WHEREAS, at the age of 26, he took over the struggling basketball program at the
11 University of Georgia, with statistics of 37-85 (.303) all-time in the six seasons prior to his
12 arrival, and has never had a losing season since; and

13 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the 2007 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June 2007;
14 is a four-time National Coach of the Year, 1986 (USBWA), 1987 (WBB News Service),
15 1996 (Naismith), and 2000 (USBWA and WBB News Service); and

16 WHEREAS, his team is now number five in the all-time AP poll, and he has led the Lady
17 Dogs to 15 top-10 finishes in either or both the final AP or USA Today/ESPN national
18 rankings during the last 25 seasons; and

19 WHEREAS, he has led the University of Georgia to 24 of 26 NCAAs, five Final Fours, 10
20 "Elite Eights," and 17 "Sweet 16's"; and

1 WHEREAS, his 1,000th game as a collegiate head coach was in the 2007 NCAA
2 Tournament first-round victory over Belmont; and

3 WHEREAS, he is the fourth major college women's hoops coach to reach 750 career wins
4 with the victory at Richmond on Dec. 21, 2006, joining Pat Summitt, Jody Conradt, and C.
5 Vivian Stringer, and he passed Roger Kaiser to become Georgia's winningest college hoops
6 head coach with a December 3, 2006 win over Georgia Tech, his 664th win; and

7 WHEREAS, he has coached three National Players of the Year; six Lady Bulldogs to a
8 combined 12 Kodak All-American certificates; 12 Lady Bulldogs have been chosen in the
9 WNBA Draft; seven Lady Bulldogs have been WNBA first-round draft picks in the last
10 seven years; and all told, 18 Lady Bulldogs have gone on to play in the WNBA, including
11 eight active during the 2007 campaign.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body hereby recognize Coach Andy Landers, commend him for his
14 outstanding contribution to the University of Georgia, and invite him to appear before this
15 body on a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House for the purposes of being
16 recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.