

House Resolution 1864

By: Representative Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Coosa High School on its 80th anniversary; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fairview School, built in 1922, combined with the local Lavender, Rice, and  
4 Prospect schools in 1927 to create a new consolidated school, the Coosa School, named in  
5 honor of the Coosa River and the Native American tribe, the Coosa; and

6 WHEREAS, the school burned twice, once in 1933 and again in 1945, and being unable to  
7 fund another construction project, the community voted and approved a bond issue to finance  
8 the building of a third Coosa School; and

9 WHEREAS, Floyd County Schools opened a new school on a larger piece of land across the  
10 highway from Coosa School's original location in 1946; however, the 1950's and 1960's  
11 brought industrial growth to Floyd County's Coosa Valley, and the population burgeoned,  
12 creating a demand for a new, larger school with expanded facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, in anticipation of a new facility, the Floyd County Board of Education  
14 purchased 35 acres approximately two miles east of Coosa High School, and in 1971, the  
15 community opened the doors to a new school building that included more than 40 academic  
16 classrooms, multiple laboratories, a media center, an auditorium, a cafeteria, an instrumental  
17 music room, an administrative office suite, and a football field; and

18 WHEREAS, the students and faculty of Coosa High School have won numerous academic  
19 and sports accolades over its 80 year history, including its first state championship in  
20 baseball in 1960, its first football state championship in 1961, a second football  
21 championship in 1969 at its newly constructed stadium, and Mike Glenn, a member of Coosa  
22 High School's 1973 basketball team, became an NBA player for the Atlanta Hawks and later  
23 a television sports commentator for ESPN; and

1 WHEREAS, more recently, Coosa High School has been recognized for its academic  
2 success, being named a 2003 Georgia School of Excellence, receiving the Class AA  
3 Governor's Cup Challenge Award for SAT Excellence in 2004 and 2006, being named the  
4 2007 Region 7 Class AA SAT Champion in recognition of SAT scores above the national  
5 average, and being named an Advanced Placement Honor School for 2007-2008 by the  
6 College Board of Princeton; and

7 WHEREAS, the school's Academic Decathlon Team is on a winning streak, garnering six  
8 consecutive local Academic Decathlon titles from 2002 to 2008 and advancing to compete  
9 on *High Q*, a televised quiz show on WSB-TV Channel 2 in Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Georgia Department of Education recognized Coosa High School's  
11 departments of business and engineering and technology for meeting specific state and  
12 national standards, and in 2000, the International Technology Education Association named  
13 Coosa High School's technology education department a Program of Excellence, one of only  
14 39 programs in the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, the school's dynamic faculty includes former Harvard students, Fulbright  
16 Scholars, published authors, and Hall of Fame coaches, and over 50 percent of the faculty  
17 holds advanced degrees; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2008, Coosa High School will graduate its 80th class of scholars  
19 and champions, and the faculty and staff, along with the Floyd County Board of Education,  
20 will continue to educate future students in Coosa High School's tradition of excellence, a  
21 tradition that began with a small community school on the banks of the mighty Coosa River.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body join together in recognizing Coosa High School, its faculty and its  
24 students, past and present, for their many outstanding accomplishments and for the value  
25 they have added to their community and this state and congratulate them on their 80th  
26 anniversary.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to provide an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coosa High School.