

House Resolution 1866

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Brooks of the 63rd, Watson of the 91st, Mosby of the 90th, and Stephenson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Patricia May; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia May has long been recognized by the citizens of Lithonia, Georgia,
3 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by her superlative service as an educator, coach, and administrator in public
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from
10 Tennessee State University in 1973; completed independent study at Washington University
11 in 1975; earned a Master of Science in Counselor Education from Southern Illinois
12 University in 1982; and completed a study in Administration and Supervision at the State
13 University of West Georgia in 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, she has been an educator for over 30 years, beginning her career at S. H. Archer
15 High School, and continuing on to Clark Junior High School in East St. Louis, Illinois, East
16 St. Louis High School, and Lithonia High School in Lithonia, Georgia, after which she
17 moved into administration serving as assistant principal, instructional assistant principal, and
18 athletic director at Lithonia High School, and assistant principal for sixth grade at Salem
19 Middle School, before becoming principal of Lithonia Middle School; and

20 WHEREAS, not only has she excelled as an educator and administrator, she has also
21 dominated track and field charts as a Georgia High School State Champion and an
22 All-American, in addition to coaching record-setting teams in East St. Louis and at Lithonia
23 High School for 21 years, departing East St. Louis with the distinction of Best Female Coach
24 in the Midwest; and

1 WHEREAS, she is a loving mother to her four sons, Joey, Scott, Charles, and adopted son,
2 Derico Cooper, and she is an active member of the Greenforest Baptist Church, where she
3 serves on the usher board; and

4 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
5 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
6 outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately
7 recognized.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body commend Ms. Patricia May for her efficient, effective, unselfish,
10 and dedicated public service, and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued
11 health and happiness.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Patricia May.