

House Resolution 2078

By: Representative Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the memory and life of Jim Doss; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Jim Doss  
3 on February 11, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished, Christian gentleman has rendered his name  
5 dear to the hearts of his family, friends, and sports fans throughout greater Rome, Georgia,  
6 area were he was known for his dedicated work in youth sports; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Coach Doss played football at Rome Boys High School, was an All-State  
8 selection in 1946, received a scholarship to the University of Georgia, and later returned to  
9 Darlington School in Rome for additional college classes; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding military student at The Citadel, where he played football  
11 and earned a degree in health and physical education; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a distinguished military college graduate and honorably served his  
13 country in the United States Air Force; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he later attended the University of Kentucky and obtained his graduate degree  
15 while coaching the Wildcats' football team, and in 1957, he returned to Darlington to teach  
16 math while also serving as the Tigers' football coach for nine years; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his coaching career exemplified his dedication, hard work, and love of the game  
18 as well as his tremendous love for children; and
- 19 WHEREAS, as further evidence of his love for and commitment to others, Coach Doss  
20 coached youth football for numerous years, working closely with children at many summer  
21 and day camps; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife, Jane Doss, and a loving father to their  
2 three sons, Jamie, Jeff, and Jerry; and

3 WHEREAS, during the course of his life, Coach Doss touched the lives of many with his  
4 caring and enthusiastic spirit, and he was an inspirational mentor to many young men and  
5 women by teaching them the true meaning of teamwork; and

6 WHEREAS, he will be missed not only by his family but also by legions of players and  
7 friends who were fortunate to have known his dynamic spirit.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 the members of this body honor the memory of Jim Doss and express their sincere regret at  
10 his passing.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jim Doss.