

House Resolution 1442

By: Representative Walker of the 107<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Clint McAbee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coach Clint McAbee has long been recognized for his superior coaching skills,  
3 his dedication to challenging the future leaders of Georgia, and his incredible devotion to his  
4 players; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Griffin, Georgia, Coach McAbee graduated from Spalding High  
6 School, where he was a standout center for the school's football program and earned an  
7 athletic scholarship to play for the University of Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, an injury cut his college career with Old Miss short but, after groundbreaking  
9 surgery that repaired his fractured arm with a steel plate, Coach McAbee went on to play  
10 center for South Georgia College under coaches Wyatt Posey and Johnny Griffith; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1949, Coach McAbee awed and amazed fans as a member of South Georgia  
12 College's Junior Sugar Bowl Championship team; and

13 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and began his  
14 distinguished career in education at Griffin High School before accepting a position with  
15 R.E. Lee High School; and

16 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously dedicated his time, talents, and energy to  
17 challenging athletes to achieve their utmost potential with the football program at R.E. Lee,  
18 helping lead the Rebels to region championships in 1965, 1966, and 1967 as coach of the  
19 interior linemen; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a coach with the Rebels, Coach McAbee was instrumental  
21 in the football team's state championship appearance in 1961 and filled many roles for the  
22 school, including driving the "Rebel Bus" for all sports; and

23 WHEREAS, thousands of men have learned many valuable and lasting life principles  
24 through the example set by Coach McAbee; and

25 WHEREAS, he brought out the superior athletic ability of his players and served as a role  
26 model and mentor to his teams; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly  
28 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments  
29 of this outstanding individual.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize Coach Clint McAbee for his decades of service to the  
32 future leaders of this state and commend his commitment to the student-athletes of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Clint McAbee.