

House Resolution 1346

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Keen of the 179th, McKillip of the 115th, Black of the 174th, and Jones of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Coach Suzanne Yoculan and inviting her to be recognized by
2 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Coach Suzanne Yoculan has long been recognized for her ability to cultivate
4 award-winning athletes and inspire gymnasts to achieve their utmost potential; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Coach Yoculan, diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talent, and
6 energy for 26 years to the University of Georgia's gymnastics program, earning the university
7 ten NCAA Championships and 16 SEC Championships; and
- 8 WHEREAS, earning the Gym Dogs 21 NCAA Regional crowns during her tenure, Coach
9 Yoculan's teams placed in the nation's top three in 21 of the last 22 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was chosen by fellow coaches as Coach of the Year five times and SEC
11 Coach of the Year eight times and ended her coaching career with an amazing record of
12 836-117-7; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Coach Yoculan produced 37 NCAA individual champions while at Georgia and
14 led 58 Gym Dogs to 306 All-American honors since 1984; and
- 15 WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2009, the gymnastics program won an astounding five consecutive
16 NCAA titles; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her dedication to making gymnastics a popular sport at the university helped
18 increase average attendance from less than 200 fans in 1983 to an average of nearly 10,000
19 per meet in 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Yoculan fostered growth and support for the program's booster club, the
21 Ten-0 Club, which currently stands as the largest gymnastics booster club in the nation with
22 more than 800 members; and

23 WHEREAS, active in the Athens community, Coach Yoculan has given selflessly of her time
24 and inspired her players to join her in support of charitable programs with the United Way
25 of Northeast Georgia, Habitat for Humanity, the Athens Regional Medical Center, and the
26 Special Olympics; and

27 WHEREAS, Coach Yoculan has continuously raised the bar throughout her career with the
28 University of Georgia's gymnastics program and her many accomplishments and
29 contributions are worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Coach Suzanne Yoculan on her impressive career with
32 the University of Georgia, recognize her decades of service to student-athletes and the
33 Athens community, and invite her to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date
34 and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Suzanne Yoculan.