

House Resolution 82

By: Representatives Peake of the 137th, Epps of the 140th, Lucas of the 139th, Holmes of the 125th, Roberts of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the accomplishments of Coach Billy Henderson and dedicating an interchange in
2 his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Billy Henderson was born on June 2, 1928, the youngest of four children of the
4 late Holly Bradford Henderson and Mina Jewell Henderson; and

5 WHEREAS, he developed a passion for baseball and he and his friends would walk for miles
6 to see minor league baseball games; they did not have the money to buy a ticket, so they
7 would retrieve baseballs hit over the fence and return them for free admission to the game;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Henderson's athletic ability was developed on the dusty sand lots in
10 Macon, Georgia, and during his high school career he was twice named All American in both
11 football and baseball; and

12 WHEREAS, after high school, he was drafted by the Chicago Cubs, but he chose to play
13 football at the University of Georgia where he was an All SEC performer; and

14 WHEREAS, his first coaching job was at Willingham High School in Macon where he was
15 athletic director as well as varsity baseball and football coach; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Henderson also coached at Mount de Sales Academy in Macon and
17 Clarke Central High School in Athens, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, he retired from coaching at the end of the 1995 season with an overall record
19 of 286 wins, 107 losses, and 15 ties, and he remains one of the most successful coaches in
20 Georgia high school history; his teams made 18 straight playoff appearances and won three
21 state football championships, three state baseball championships, and one state swimming
22 championship; and

23 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to honor the outstanding career of Coach Billy
24 Henderson, both on and off the athletic field, and to dedicate an interchange recognizing his
25 success.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the outstanding accomplishments of Coach
28 Billy Henderson and dedicate the portion of Sardis Church Road in Macon, Georgia, from
29 I-75 to SR 247, in Bibb County, as the Coach Billy Henderson Interchange.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Coach Billy Henderson
32 Interchange.

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 Billy Henderson and
35 the Department of Transportation.