

## House Resolution 102

By: Representative Hudson of the 124<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Coach Luther Welsh; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Coach Luther Welsh 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, Coach Welsh retired from coaching football and serving as the Thomson High  
6 School athletic director at the conclusion of the 2010 season; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his coaching career spanned an incredible 54 years, serving as a head coach for  
8 43 years and an assistant coach for 11 for teams in both Georgia and South Carolina; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Coach Welsh amassed a winning record of 323 victories, 162 losses, and five  
10 ties, to earn an amazing winning percentage of .663; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he coached five state championship teams, three of which were at Thomson  
12 High School, and captured 14 regional titles; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Coach Welsh won a coveted 300th victory while serving as head coach at  
14 Thomson in 2002, the same year he led the Bulldogs to win the Class AAAA State  
15 Championship title; and
- 16 WHEREAS, during his final, 2010 season, Coach Welsh won his 100th home field victory  
17 in front of his adoring fans and former players; and
- 18 WHEREAS, there are thousands of men who learned many valuable and lasting life  
19 principles through the example set by Coach Welsh; and

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

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize Coach Luther Welsh for his decades of service to the  
27 future leaders of this state and commend his commitment to the student-athletes of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Luther Welsh.