

House Resolution 1339

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Ralston of the 7th, Cooke of the 18th, Dutton of the 166th, Clark of the 98th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending University of Georgia Head Coach Mark Richt and inviting him to be
2 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, completing his 11th season as the head football coach at the University of
4 Georgia, Mark Richt has established a tradition of excellence and perseverance throughout
5 the Bulldog Nation, and the deep commitment to the young players he mentors and coaches
6 has produced 11 years of outstanding UGA football; and

7 WHEREAS, he has continually stressed the significance of strong academics throughout his
8 tenure as the Bulldogs head football coach, producing 201 UGA graduates; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Richt now holds a 106-38 career record at UGA for a .738 winning
10 percentage and has brought the Bulldogs to a bowl game every season he has coached at
11 UGA; and

12 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs have competed in three BCS bowl games under Coach Richt, with
13 a record of 2-1; and

14 WHEREAS, he has led his players to compete in four SEC Championship games, winning
15 two SEC titles in 2002 and 2005, and was named SEC Coach of the Year for his outstanding
16 coaching abilities both seasons; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Richt has also led the Bulldogs to win five Eastern Division titles; and

18 WHEREAS, he is one of only seven coaches in NCAA Division 1-A history to record 90 or
19 more wins in his first nine seasons; and

20 WHEREAS, after a season of uncertainty in 2010, Coach Richt refused to give up hope in
21 his program or his players and entered his 11th season at UGA amid doubt, but his faith in

22 his players and his coaching staff allowed him to strive for what they knew they were capable
23 of completing, a winning 2011 season, with a 10-2 regular season record; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Richt amassed his 100th win as head coach of UGA within his
25 outstanding 2011 season with a win over the Tennessee Volunteers, and during the 2011
26 season, the Bulldogs defeated Auburn, Tennessee, and Florida within the same season for the
27 first time since 1981; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Richt has become an icon within the Southeastern Conference and
29 particularly within the Georgia Bulldog community, and his strong character and coaching
30 abilities have given him the tools necessary to create and continue a tradition of football
31 excellence at UGA; and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the UGA football program, it is
33 abundantly fitting and proper to honor the dedication and exceptional accomplishments of
34 this outstanding individual.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend University of Georgia Head Coach Mark Richt for his
37 spectacular career and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date
38 and time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Head Coach Mark Richt.