

House Resolution 1532

By: Representatives Dickey of the 136th and Peake of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of John Barrett "J.B." Hawkins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of John Barrett "J.B." Hawkins on December 19, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, J.B. was born on September 9, 1921, in Spring Place, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of the late Sally and William Lester Hawkins; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World
8 War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre in Australia, the Philippines, New Guinea, and Japan;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, J.B. served as a deacon of the Roberta Baptist
11 Church for 45 years, where he also taught Sunday school and was the superintendent; and
- 12 WHEREAS, J.B. was united in love and marriage to Mae Patterson, and their 63 year union
13 blessed them with two remarkable children, Dr. Jennifer Hawkins Allen and Dr. John Charles
14 Hawkins, and four wonderful grandchildren, Dr. Lindsay Lefler, Greer Hawkins, Jean
15 Hawkins, and Blake Allen; and
- 16 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Georgia in 1948, he began his lifelong
17 career in education at Bowden High School, where he taught science and civics in addition
18 to coaching basketball, baseball, and track, then moved to Roberta, Georgia, where he taught
19 mathematics and coached boys and girls basketball, baseball, and track for 25 years; and
- 20 WHEREAS, during his 32 years of coaching he won an amazing 1,074 games, one state
21 championship, and took 19 teams to the Georgia High School State Tournament; and

22 WHEREAS, J.B. was inducted into the Murray County Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 and the
23 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens and his students, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
26 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, J.B. will long be remembered for his love
28 of family, friendship, and sports, and this loyal son, husband, father, grandfather, teacher,
29 coach, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of John Barrett "J.B."
32 Hawkins and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of John Barrett
35 "J.B." Hawkins.