

House Resolution 1841

By: Representatives Clark of the 98th, Coleman of the 97th, Clark of the 104th, Rice of the 51st,
and Harrell of the 106th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of William Kenneth "Coach Mac" McDaniel, Sr.; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and this nation mourns the loss of one of its most
4 distinguished citizens with the passing of William Kenneth "Coach Mac" McDaniel, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Mac served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
6 United States Army National Guard and retired as Brigadier General and Assistant Adjutant
7 General of the Army National Guard of the State of Georgia in 1991; and

8 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous awards and decorations during his service,
9 including the Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve
10 Components Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Army National Guard
11 Recruiter Badge; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Mac earned degrees at Reinhart College and North Georgia College, two
13 graduate degrees in education from the University of Georgia, and began his prestigious
14 career in education at Friendship School in Cumming before he moved to Sugar Hill High
15 School in Sugar Hill, where he coached girls and boys basketball; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Mac became the first baseball coach and boys basketball coach at North
17 Gwinnett High School when it opened in 1958 and helped plot, plow, and seed the school's
18 first football field; and

19 WHEREAS, he went on to serve as principal of North Gwinnett High School and was a
20 strong supporter of the school even after he retired in 1973 to return to serve with the
21 National Guard; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2001, North Gwinnett High School named their new baseball field
23 "McDaniel Field" to honor Coach Mac's long-time service and support to the school and its
24 students; and

25 WHEREAS, he instilled in his students a sense of pride in themselves, their school, and their
26 community, and he inspired countless young leaders throughout this state during his career
27 in education; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Mac was united in love and marriage to Myra Lance McDaniel, and was
29 blessed with the support of his remarkable children, Ken and Connie McDaniel, Ann and
30 John Foster, and Lynn McDaniel, and his amazing grandson Anton Foster; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Coach Mac will long be remembered for
32 his love of country, family, and friendship, and this loyal father, brother, teacher, coach, and
33 patriot will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William Kenneth "Coach
36 Mac" McDaniel, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William
39 Kenneth "Coach Mac" McDaniel, Sr.