House Resolution 2135

By: Representative Hudson of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1   Recognizing Jack Collins and George Cook; and for other purposes.

2   WHEREAS, Jack Collins and George Cook are the last surviving members of the 1948

3   Georgia State League State Championship baseball team; and

4   WHEREAS, organized on March 10, 1948, the Georgia State League was the 58th league

5   to operate that year under the National Association; and

6   WHEREAS, the 1948 Georgia State League consisted of six clubs with teams from Douglas,

7   Baxley, Fitzgerald, Eastman, Sparta, and Vidalia-Lyons; and

8   WHEREAS, the Sparta Saints were organized by Marvin E. Moate, a wealthy Sparta

9   lumberman, who posted the team's entry fee and signed the manager and players himself; and

10   WHEREAS, with an impressive record of 81-37, the Sparta Saints finished the regular

11   season in first place by a 16 game margin over the second place Baxley Red Sox; and

12   WHEREAS, the 1948 Saints included Woodrow Bottoms, Paul Brock, Bob Bruno, Jack

13   Collins, George Cook, John Dougan, Stan Dougan, Willard Evans, Bryant Goggans, Pete

14   Gula, Don Hartley, Earl Hartman, Sid Leon, John McCormick, Ted Patterson, Jim Ruark,

15   Jim Screen, John Sinnott, Paul Stevens, and Alan Swygert; and

16   WHEREAS, survivors from the championship squad include standout third baseman Jack

17   Collins and rookie pitcher George Cook; and

18   WHEREAS, the 1948 Sparta Saints represent perseverance and hold an important spot in the

19   history of sports in Georgia and their triumphs and accomplishments are worthy of

20   recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

22 the members of this body recognize the 1948 Sparta Saints and commend Jack Collins and

23 George Cook on their athletic legacy.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jack Collins and George

26 Cook.