

House Resolution 2190

By: Representatives Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, and  
Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Coach Ronnie O. Spry; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Coach Ronnie O. Spry has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that he has played in the lives of young people and his dedication to inspiring  
4 student athletes to achieve greatness; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Coach Spry has devoted three decades to molding young athletes and producing  
6 stellar teams as a basketball coach through positive thinking and results oriented and team  
7 spirited approaches; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Campbellsville College and  
9 a master's degree in college teaching from Murray State University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, since 1980, Coach Spry has dedicated his time, talents, and energy to the  
11 students of Paine College as athletic director, head basketball coach, and assistant professor;  
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, he recorded his 500th career win in 2009 and has been recognized with  
14 numerous honors and accolades, including Best Tournament Coach – Southern  
15 Intercollegiate Champion in 1999 and 2001 and the Guardian of the Game Award from the  
16 National Association of Basketball Coaches; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a Paine College Hall of Fame inductee, Coach Spry has been named the  
18 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and Tournament Coach of  
19 the Year, Kodak District Coach of the Year – Division II for South Atlantic District, and  
20 Atlanta Tip Off Club's Coach of the Year for Division II; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Spry's leadership and guidance have produced many stellar athletes, and  
22 he has influenced countless lives in Georgia, including students, parents, colleagues, and  
23 members of the community; and

24 WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to bringing out the superior athletic ability of  
25 his players have earned him the respect and admiration of his players and their opponents;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the field of sports and his excellent  
28 basketball coaching and athletic abilities, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the  
29 extraordinary commitment and accomplishments of this outstanding individual be honored.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Coach Ronnie O. Spry for his decades of sacrifice,  
32 foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of student athletics and recognize  
33 him for the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young  
34 people in this state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Ronnie O. Spry.