

House Resolution 436

By: Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Barr of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Brian "Chris" Christopher Mance; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mr. Brian "Chris" Christopher Mance on April 29, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 2, 1961, in Clayton, Georgia, a beloved son of Mr. and
6 Mrs. Walter Eugene and Mary Evelyn Owens Mance; and

7 WHEREAS, Chris Mance grew up in Clayton, Georgia, and graduated from Rabun County
8 High School before going on to receive his bachelor's degree in History from Piedmont
9 College and master's degree in Education from Clemson University; and

10 WHEREAS, he began his career in education as a history teacher, assistant football, head
11 baseball, golf coach, and head basketball coach at Rabun County High School; later became
12 assistant principal and coach at Elbert County High School, during which he received his
13 education specialist degree from Clemson University; and, in 2009, became principal of
14 Gainesville High School; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to teaching and leading for over 28 years, he received many awards,
16 including Georgia/Tennessee All-Star Basketball Coach 1998 and 1999, "I Dare You"
17 Principal's Award, the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award, and the National
18 Youth at Risk award;

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was the Sunday School Superintendent at
20 Clayton First United Methodist Church for 25 years; and

21 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis; two sons, Brian and Farris; his
22 parents; sisters, Cherryl and Shelia; in-laws, Bertha and James Farris; sister-in-law, Deborah

23 Taylor; brother-in-law, Keith Conley; two close friends, Mark Beck and Ferron Welch; and
24 a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, students, and colleagues; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Chris Mance will long be remembered for
26 his love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
27 knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Brian "Chris"
30 Christopher Mance and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Brian
33 "Chris" Christopher Mance.