

House Resolution 1394

By: Representatives Anderson of the 92nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Stephenson of the 90th, Dickerson of the 113th, Kirby of the 114th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Cleveland Stroud; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Cleveland Stroud, a lifelong resident of the City of Conyers, is united in love
3 and marriage to Helen Flanigan Stroud and is blessed with three children, five grandchildren,
4 and two great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Morehouse College, Cleveland became the first African
6 American coach of the baseball, track, softball, and basketball teams at Rockdale County
7 High School; and

8 WHEREAS, his proudest moment as a teacher and coach occurred when he led Rockdale
9 County High School to the 1970 State Basketball Championship, in addition to seven
10 regional basketball championships thereafter during his tenure; and

11 WHEREAS, Cleveland retired as a teacher and coach in 1998, and in 2012, the new
12 Rockdale County High School Gym was named in his honor; and

13 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Conyers City Council in 1994 as the first African
14 American council member for the city and still continues to serve the citizens of District 1;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Cleveland is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church and the Citizens
17 Progressive Club; and

18 WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards, including: Rockdale NAACP Outstanding
19 Community Service Award, the Rockdale County Citizen of the Year Award, the Georgia
20 Optimist Club's "Georgian of the Year," the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce's

21 "A.R. (Gus) Barksdale Lifetime Achievement Award," and the Paul Harris Fellow Award
22 from the Rockdale Foundation of Rotary International; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Cleveland Stroud for his service to his
27 community and the State of Georgia and express their sincerest best wishes of continued
28 success and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cleveland Stroud.