

Senate Resolution 1022

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Cliff Rutledge; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Cliff Rutledge, a retired Phenix City educator with a deep commitment to his
3 community and a lifelong love of football, will be inducted into the Chattahoochee Valley
4 Sports Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Cliff was a career educator, beginning as a teacher and retiring as an
6 administrator, and served the students of Phenix City for 40 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his second profession as a broadcaster was launched during his teaching career,
8 thanks to an invitation from Ken Woodfin of WCLS radio; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Cliff was doing Sunday morning gospel at WCLS when Woodfin left to work
10 for WOKS; Woodfin eventually pulled him over to do the WOKS's football segment; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he juggled both duties at the separate stations for several years until he went to
12 WOKS full time in the 1960s; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Cliff has combined elements of success with a down-to-earth style and ability
14 to create a broadcasting career that has spanned seven decades; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his passion for broadcasting was second only to his love of teaching, and he
16 enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the athletes he covered; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a local sports icon, Cliff Rutledge has touched the lives of countless athletes and
18 members of his community, and it is only proper that this exemplary Georgian be recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize and commend Cliff Rutledge for his induction into the Chattahoochee Valley
21 Sports Hall of Fame and for his numerous contributions to the State of Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cliff Rutledge.