

House Resolution 1764

By: Representatives Morris of the 156th, Harbin of the 122nd, McClain of the 100th, Douglas of the 78th, and Mabra of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of John Edward "Buck" Cravey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of John Edward "Buck" Cravey on January 21, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey was born in Rhine, Georgia, to Loch Daniel and Maude Tedders
5 Cravey; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a 1955 graduate of Lyons High School, where he lettered in football,
7 basketball, and track for four years; he was also an all-state football selection in 1954 and
8 won the state title in the 880 run in 1955; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after playing two years of football at Middle Georgia College, Mr. Cravey went
10 on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from Georgia Southern College in 1961; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was a teacher and administrator and coached football for 40 years; as a coach
12 for the Vidalia Indians for 24 years, he led the team to win the State Championship in 1969,
13 and he ended his career at Pinewood Christian Academy after ten years, with a 1997 GISA
14 State Championship; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Cravey won 17 Region Championships, compiled 270 career wins, and was
16 one of a select group of coaches in Georgia to reach the 200 win milestone in 1992; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 1998 he was recognized with the Outstanding Georgia Citizen award by the
18 Secretary of State; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Cravey's excellence and commitment to the community,
20 the new football stadium in Vidalia was commemorated as the "Buck Cravey Field" in 2005;

21 in 2013, he was nominated for the GACA Coaches Hall of Fame and inducted into the GISA
22 Hall of Fame; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Cravey was an active member of First
24 Baptist Church of Vidalia; and

25 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Ann Forth Cravey and was blessed with
26 three remarkable children, John, Daniel, and Jody, and six wonderful grandchildren, Zachary,
27 Madison, Wendy, Blake, Blaire, and Tara; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Cravey will long be remembered for
29 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all
30 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of John Edward "Buck"
33 Cravey and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of John Edward
36 "Buck" Cravey.