

Senate Resolution 612

By: Senator Bethel of the 54th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bill Napier for inspiring young men for more than 30 years through his service  
2 as a football coach; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bill Napier has been part of the high school football coaching landscape of  
4 northwest Georgia since 1983, working with the programs at Murray County High School,  
5 Southeast Whitfield High School, Adairsville High School, and Dalton High School; and

6 WHEREAS, while serving as offensive coordinator at Murray County High School under  
7 head coach Tony Plavich, he helped lead the Indians to become the 1984 region champions;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Napier served as head coach for the Murray County High School Indians  
10 for 16 years, and during his tenure, the team finished three seasons with double-digit wins,  
11 and those three seasons are the only times that the team accomplished that feat in the  
12 program's history; and

13 WHEREAS, he is an excellent football coach, but his influence extends beyond the football  
14 field and affects his players on a personal level, the level on which he molds young men to  
15 become leaders and successful citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, he was diagnosed with ALS in 2013, and though the disease has made coaching  
17 difficult, Bill Napier continues to conduct himself with courage and grace and always shows  
18 up with a smile on his face, never complaining about the trials he is facing; and

19 WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, and students at Dalton High School, as well as the Dalton  
20 Quarterback Club, have worked with Bill Napier every week to try to ease the pain of his  
21 disease and allow him to do what he loves, coaching football; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill Napier possesses a deep and abiding faith in God that inspires all who come  
23 into contact with him and affects them in a positive way; and

24 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Pam, and is blessed with four  
25 amazing children, Billy, Matt, Kurt, and Whitney, and one incredible granddaughter, Annie;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, he is an inspiration to many, and this loving husband, father, and coach is a  
28 blessing to all who have the pleasure of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend Bill Napier for inspiring young men for more than 30 years through his service as  
31 a football coach.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bill Napier.