

House Resolution 1370

By: Representative Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Edsel "Eddie" Coy Durrence, Jr.; 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 Edsel "Eddie" Coy Durrence, Jr., on February 2, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Durrence was born on August 1, 1951, graduated from Glennville High  
5 School and Middle Georgia College, and devoted his life to being a farmer in Tattnall  
6 County; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he also coached for over 25 years at Pinewood Christian Academy and as head  
8 coach of the varsity girls softball team he had a record of 638-95, won 18 region  
9 championships and eight state championships, and was awarded 19 GISA Region Coach of  
10 the Year awards and eight GISA State Coach of the Year awards; and
- 11 WHEREAS, while head coach of the varsity girls basketball team he had a record of  
12 611-220, won eight region championships and four state championships, and was awarded  
13 eight GISA Region Coach of the Year awards and four GISA State Coach of the Year  
14 awards; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he also served on the Pinewood Christian Academy Board of Governors for 16  
16 years and was a charter member of the South Georgia Bank Board of Directors; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Durrence was an active member of  
18 Glennville United Methodist Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
24 made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love  
26 of family and friendship, and this loyal coach and friend will be missed by all who had the  
27 great fortune of 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 Edsel "Eddie" Coy  
30 Durrence, Jr., 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 make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 family of Edsel "Eddie" Coy Durrence, Jr.