

House Resolution 1863

By: Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Cooke of the 18th, Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Douglas of the 78th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Coach Mark Richt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, former University of Georgia (UGA) head football coach, Mark Richt, will
3 leave a legacy both at UGA and on the life of each of his players; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his career accomplishments include, but are not limited to, being the longest
5 tenured head coach in the SEC; graduating 222 players with degrees, which is the most of
6 any current SEC head coach; and holding a 144-51 record while at UGA; and
- 7 WHEREAS, former players say that Coach Richt molded them into young men; held them
8 accountable; was deeply committed to their personal, academic, and athletic success; and
9 believed in and loved every player; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his caring nature was best exemplified when he kept vigil at an injured player's
11 bedside and arranged for the UGA athletic department to pay for the student's family to fly
12 from Baton Rouge to visit their son; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Coach Richt understands that football is about more than winning, and he often
14 stays in touch with players even after they have been dismissed from the program; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he not only represented UGA in an honorable way, but he represented his
16 Savior, Jesus Christ, in an honorable way as well; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has made innumerable contributions to society through his faith and mission
18 work and has personally impacted the men who played football under his leadership; and
- 19 WHEREAS, his strong faith and commitment were cornerstones to his success and led him
20 to win the 2013 Stallings Award for commitment to humanitarian and community service;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, for 15 years, Coach Richt has exemplified Christian character, dignity, and
23 integrity and has shown others how to shape quality young men who are more than just
24 football players, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body appropriately honor this
25 distinguished individual.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize Coach Mark Richt for his 15 years of dedicated service
28 to the University of Georgia and its football players; commend him for his commitment to
29 his faith and his community; and wish him continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Coach Mark Richt.