

## Senate Resolution 369

By: Senators Tillery of the 19<sup>th</sup>, Goodman of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Cowsert of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Summers of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending John Koon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, this exemplary citizen has spent decades encouraging young people and  
3 touching the hearts of many through sports radio broadcasting; and
- 4 WHEREAS, starting in 1981, John began his impressive and distinguished career in  
5 broadcasting by performing for schools in the Vidalia, Statesboro, and Swainsboro areas on  
6 WVOP, WYOK, and WJAT; and
- 7 WHEREAS, following his success with a weekly television show, John approached the  
8 GHSA in 2003 about broadcasting the state semifinals, and after two years of internet  
9 broadcasts, the coverage moved to radio and was made available to over 150 GNN affiliate  
10 stations; and
- 11 WHEREAS, John's outstanding performance and expertise has led him to broadcast from the  
12 Georgia Dome, Mercedes Benz Stadium, and the Center Parc Credit Union Stadium, with  
13 each broadcast playing a pivotal role in GHSA championships to this day; and

14 WHEREAS, at the end of his 42nd year of broadcasting, he will have called over 1,500  
15 football, basketball, baseball, and softball games, in addition to the countless shows and  
16 interviews he has done; and

17 WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the community, he further served as part of the Soperton  
18 City Council from 2016 to 2020; and

19 WHEREAS, John has given inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep  
20 concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through  
21 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many  
22 challenges of life; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize and commend John Koon for his many wonderful accomplishments and extend  
29 sincere best wishes for future health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John Koon.