

House Resolution 610

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 121st and Gaines of the 120th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Jack Bauerle—proud native of Glenside, Pennsylvania, but a Georgia Bulldog
2 through and through—for his unprecedented tenure and success in leading the University of
3 Georgia's swimming and diving programs to worldwide acclaim; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle served as the head coach of the women's swimming and diving
5 team since 1979 and the men's team since 1983, matching former LSU gymnastics coach
6 D-D Breaux for the longest tenure of any coach in Southeastern Conference history; and

7 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle became the longest-tenured coach in UGA athletics history with
8 his 35th season in 2013-14, passing legendary men's tennis coach Dan Magill for the honor;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle coached the Georgia Bulldogs to seven NCAA and 12 SEC
11 crowns with the women's team, with 62 different men and women team members winning
12 175 national championships; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle's teams posted 48 Top-10 finishes at the NCAA Championships,
14 and 304 of his Georgia student-athletes accumulated 2,116 All-America citations; and

15 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle himself was chosen as the SEC Coach of the Year 18 times (16
16 with the women, two with the men) and the National Women's Coach of the Year on seven
17 occasions; and

18 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle led the Bulldog women to 342 dual-meet victories, joining Tom
19 Groden of Boston College as the only other member of the 300-wins club; and

20 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle finished his career with an overall combined record of 595-139-4
21 with Georgia's men's and women's teams, a figure that ranks first among active NCAA
22 coaches and is first all time in the SEC and second on the all-time list; and

23 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle reached the pinnacle of his coaching success in 2008 when he was
24 chosen as the United States' women's team coach for the Olympics, leading the American
25 women to 14 medals, the most of any nation; and

26 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle has coached for Team USA at each of the last six Olympic Games,
27 serving as a women's assistant in 2000, men's assistant in 2016 and 2020, and personal coach
28 in 2004 and 2012; and

29 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle helped produce 87 Georgia swimmers who became Olympians
30 representing 20 different nations and earning 38 medals, including 16 Gold Medals; and

31 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle produced student-athletes who excelled in the classroom and
32 community as well, including three NCAA Woman of the Year honorees, 39 NCAA
33 postgraduate scholarship winners, 41 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, and 416 CSCAA
34 Scholar All-Americans; and

35 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle was a four-year letterwinner and two-time team captain for the
36 Georgia Bulldogs, graduating in 1975 with an English degree and program records in the
37 200-yard butterfly and 1,650-yard freestyle; and

38 WHEREAS, Jack Bauerle has been involved in multiple organizations and community
39 efforts and has been inducted into the Sphinx Society, Blue Key Honor Society, and the
40 Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and he has served on the board of trustees for the Franklin
41 College of Arts and Sciences.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Jack Bauerle for his exemplary athletic
44 career as part of the University of Georgia Bulldogs and extend sincere best wishes for future
45 success and happiness.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jack
48 Bauerle.