

## Senate Resolution 835

By: Senators Bearden of the 30th and Brass of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Paul Fitz-Simons, the GHSA Class 7A Athletic  
2 Director of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Coach Paul Fitz-Simons is the highly praised athletic director for Carrollton  
4 High School who has tirelessly directed an extraordinary amount of his time and talents  
5 toward guiding students to a brighter future; and

6 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young  
7 people, and Coach Paul Fitz-Simons exemplifies the selfless dedication that is characteristic  
8 of our finest teachers, athletic directors, and coaches; and

9 WHEREAS, he has dedicated the past eight years to Carrollton High School, serving as an  
10 assistant principal throughout this period, and in addition, for the last seven years, he has also  
11 taken on the role of athletic director; and

12 WHEREAS, his nearly two-decade journey in education spans roles as a teacher, coach, and  
13 administrator; and

14 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Carrollton High School has expanded its athletic program  
15 to include six new varsity sports, offering a full range of GHSA sports and activities; and

16 WHEREAS, his tenure has seen Trojan teams secure 79 regional and area championships,  
17 along with eight team state titles, and host 15 state championship events; and

18 WHEREAS, most notably, Carrollton High School has clinched the Regions Bank Director's  
19 Cup six times since 2018 and was named Georgia's most positive school in 2021; and

20 WHEREAS, his contributions were recognized when he was named Region 2 Athletic  
21 Director of the Year, followed by a state-wide honor as the GHSA Class 7A Athletic Director  
22 of the Year; and

23 WHEREAS, a committed community member, he is involved in Leadership Carroll and has  
24 served on the hiring committee for the City of Carrollton; and

25 WHEREAS, a Carrollton native, he is a proud Jacksonville State University alumnus, where  
26 he earned his master's degree in 2012, and he completed his specialist in Education  
27 Leadership at Columbus State University in 2019; and

28 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Alison and they are blessed with three  
29 wonderful daughters Haven, Hadley, and Henly; and

30 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the athletic success of  
31 Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary  
32 accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding athletic director.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize and commend Coach Paul Fitz-Simons, the GHSA Class 7A Athletic Director of  
35 the Year, and express their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Coach Paul  
38 Fitz-Simons.