

House Resolution 1686

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, and Frye of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Manuel Diaz; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coach Manuel Diaz has led the University of Georgia (UGA) to four NCAA
3 National titles and two ITA Indoor National Championships, guided UGA to 29 SEC
4 Championships and helped UGA reach NCAA tournaments in all 35 seasons as head coach;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, with 771 victories, Coach Diaz is the all-time winningest coach in SEC history;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he has further led UGA to 11 consecutive national top-five finishes during his
9 tenure, a feat unmatched by any other school in the country; and

10 WHEREAS, a respected and distinguished leader in collegiate tennis, Coach Diaz was
11 selected as the Wilson/ITA National Coach of the Year in 1995, 2001, and 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been additionally honored for his exemplary service with inductions into
13 the Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Puerto Rican
14 Tennis Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Diaz has a 46 year-long association with the UGA men's tennis program,
16 which includes four years as a player as well as previous service as assistant coach and
17 associate head coach; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a man with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence,
19 fairness, and kindness; and

20 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Suzanne, and the two have been
21 blessed with three remarkable sons, Manuel III, Eric, and Alex; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Diaz has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and
23 unyielding commitment to excellence will be missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Manuel Diaz for his many years of
28 dedicated service to the University of Georgia men's tennis program; congratulate him upon
29 the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
30 health and happiness.

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
33 Manuel Diaz.