

House Resolution 510

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd, Panitch of the 51st, and Olaleye of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Bob Rathbun upon his induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bob Rathbun, a veteran sportscaster and one of the most distinguished voices
4 in basketball broadcasting, has been inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in
5 recognition of his remarkable career and lasting impact on sports media; and

6 WHEREAS, entering his 28th season as the play-by-play announcer for the Atlanta Hawks,
7 he holds the distinction of being the longest-tenured television play-by-play announcer in the
8 franchise's history; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, he has provided outstanding play-by-play
10 commentary for collegiate sports on CBS, ABC, and ESPN as well as NBA coverage on
11 TNT and NBA TV; and

12 WHEREAS, his versatility and experience extends to the WNBA, where he served as the
13 play-by-play announcer for the Atlanta Dream for ten seasons; and

14 WHEREAS, his excellence in sports broadcasting has been recognized with numerous
15 accolades, including 12 Regional Emmy Awards and eight Sportscaster of the Year honors,
16 and in 2012, he was named the Georgia Sportscaster of the Year by the National
17 Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association; and

18 WHEREAS, he has further earned a Distinguished Service Award from the ACC, induction
19 into the Hampton Roads Sports Media Hall of Fame, and enshrinement in the Catawba
20 College Sports Hall of Fame; and

21 WHEREAS, the induction of Bob Rathbun into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame serves as
22 a well-deserved tribute to his professionalism, expertise, and enduring influence on the world
23 of sports broadcasting.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate Bob Rathbun upon his induction into the Georgia
26 Sports Hall of Fame and extend best wishes for future health, happiness, and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bob
29 Rathbun.