

## House Resolution 715

By: Representatives Jones of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, McQueen of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, and Herring of the 145<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Alvin J. Copeland; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Alvin J. Copeland has dedicated 47 years of service to the field of education  
3 and athletics, shaping the lives of countless students as a teacher, coach, and mentor; and

4 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career with the Monroe County Board of Education  
5 at Hubbard High School in Forsyth, Georgia, serving from 1964 to 1967 as a health and  
6 physical education teacher, assistant coach for football and basketball, and head coach for  
7 track and field; and

8 WHEREAS, he joined Northeast High School in Macon, Georgia, in 1970, where he taught  
9 health and physical education until 2000, served as department chairman from 1973 to 2000,  
10 and worked as athletic director and head coach for cross country, girls basketball, and girls  
11 and boys track and field until his retirement in 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, his teams achieved remarkable success, winning five Georgia State  
13 Championships in girls basketball in 1975, 1981, 1982, 1985, and 2002, as well as state  
14 runner-up titles in 1980 and 2001 and third-place finishes in 1974 and 1976; and

15 WHEREAS, he led his boys track and field teams to state championships in 1975 and 1977,  
16 a state runner-up title in 1974, and girls track and field teams to six state championships in  
17 1979, 1982, 1986, 2000, 2001, and 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, his teams further secured numerous regional championships, with the girls  
19 basketball team earning 16 regional titles between 1972 and 2011, the boys track and field  
20 team securing eight regional titles between 1970 and 1977, and the girls track and field team  
21 winning 28 regional titles between 1979 and 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, he was inducted into multiple prestigious halls of fame, including the Fort  
23 Valley State University Hall of Fame in 1981, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic  
24 Conference Hall of Fame in 2000, the Macon Sports Hall of Fame in 2004, the Georgia  
25 Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame and the Georgia High School Coaches Hall of  
26 Fame in 2012, the Fort Valley State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015, and the  
27 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Basketball Hall of Fame in 2024; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished individual be  
29 appropriately honored during this special time.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Alvin J. Copeland for his extraordinary  
32 career in education and athletics, honor his lasting contributions to student-athletes across  
33 Georgia, and extend best wishes for future health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Alvin  
36 J. Copeland.