

Senate Resolution 1064

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Goodman of the 8th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Wesley Willis for his outstanding leadership,
2 dedication to student-athletes, and historic accomplishments as Head Coach of the North
3 Paulding High School girls basketball team; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Wesley Willis has distinguished himself as an exceptional educator and
5 coach whose leadership has elevated the North Paulding High School girls basketball
6 program to unprecedented success; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2026, under Coach Willis' leadership, the North Paulding High
8 School girls basketball team won the Georgia High School Association Class 6A State
9 Championship with a 64-58 victory over Grayson High School at the Macon Coliseum; and

10 WHEREAS, that championship marked the first basketball state championship in school
11 history, whether boys or girls, for North Paulding High School and capped a remarkable 30-2
12 season in which the Wolfpack held the No. 1 ranking all season; and

13 WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary success, Coach Willis was named
14 GBCA/GACA 6A Girls Coach of the Year for the 2025-2026 season; and

15 WHEREAS, this honor built upon prior recognition he received after leading North Paulding
16 in the 2024-2025 season to a state runner-up finish, when he was likewise identified as Coach
17 of the Year in statewide honors coverage; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Willis guided his team through adversity and growth, helping North
19 Paulding return to the championship stage and avenge its earlier state finals loss to Grayson
20 through discipline, resilience, and composure; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Willis joined the girls basketball program in the 2019-2020 season after
22 previously serving as an assistant coach for the North Paulding boys basketball program from
23 2013 to 2019, and he helped lead the program to its first region championship and a state
24 runner-up finish in 2025 before delivering the 2026 state title; and

25 WHEREAS, Coach Willis' steady leadership, commitment to excellence, and devotion to the
26 development of young people have brought great pride to North Paulding High School, the
27 Paulding County School District, and the State of Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Coach Wesley Willis for his outstanding leadership, for being
30 named Coach of the Year, and for guiding the North Paulding High School girls basketball
31 team to the 2026 GHSA Class 6A State Championship as well as extend to him their best
32 wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Coach Wesley
35 Willis.