

House Resolution 1285

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Tanner of the 9th, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Coach William "Bill" Ensley Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Coach William "Bill" Ensley Sr. on February 8, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Coach Ensley was born on March 28, 1935, in Chatsworth, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of Eugene and Ramie Childers Ensley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended Murray County High School and earned a basketball scholarship
7 to the University of Georgia, where he set the rebounding record; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he began his coaching career at Jefferson High School and Hart County High
9 School, where he won three state championships, becoming the only coach in Georgia's
10 history to win both a girls and boys state championship in the same night; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Coach Ensley revitalized the UNG-Dahlonega basketball program in 1971 and
12 never had a losing season; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Jeanette, and was blessed with
14 two remarkable children, Cary and Leanne; four wonderful grandchildren, Erika, Wykeman,
15 Lauren, and Cara; and two extraordinary great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Gabriel; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Coach Ensley gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and
17 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
18 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
21 made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Coach Ensley will long be remembered for
23 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
24 fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Coach William "Bill"
27 Ensley Sr. and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Coach William "Bill" Ensley Sr.