

## House Resolution 286

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Wiedower of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Silcox of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Frye of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Vincent Joseph Dooley; 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 Vincent Joseph Dooley on October 28, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Vincent Joseph Dooley was born on September, 4, 1932, in Mobile, Alabama,  
5 a beloved son of William and Ellen Dooley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 8 WHEREAS, following his distinguished service, he worked briefly as an assistant coach at  
9 Auburn University before being named head coach of the University of Georgia football  
10 team, where he would establish a decades-long record that would serve as a standard for  
11 excellence in college athletics, including his service as athletic director; and
- 12 WHEREAS, among his professional accomplishments and accolades are his membership in  
13 the College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Sports  
14 Hall of Fame; his record as the top-winning coach in UGA history with 201 victories, six

15 SEC titles, and the 1980 National Championship; and his status as a recipient of the 2016  
16 Wooden Citizenship Cup; and

17 WHEREAS, as Vincent Joseph Dooley's professional accomplishments and accolades are  
18 extensive, the same can be said about his humanitarian nature, his love for gardening and  
19 flowers, and his reputation as a world-renowned horticulturist; and

20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with  
21 four remarkable children, Deanna, Daniel, Denise and Derek; 11 wonderful grandchildren;  
22 and four outstanding great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Vincent Joseph Dooley will long be  
27 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
28 had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Vincent Joseph Dooley  
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 family of Vincent Joseph Dooley.