

## House Resolution 15

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Thomas Raymond "Coach" Montgomery; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Thomas Raymond "Coach" Montgomery on August 8, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Raymond "Coach" Montgomery was born on April 1, 1927, in  
6 Ducktown, a beloved son of Ed Montgomery and Myrtle Bandy Montgomery; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War  
9 II; and

10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Thomas was an active member of First Baptist  
11 Church McCayville/Copperhill; and

12 WHEREAS, known affectionately as "Coach," he coached girls' basketball, track, and  
13 football while teaching at Ducktown High School before coaching football and teaching at  
14 both East Fannin High and West Fannin High, where he eventually became principal; and

15 WHEREAS, following his tenure as principal, he became director of transportation and  
16 visiting teacher for the Fannin County Board of Education; and

17 WHEREAS, alongside his academic career, Thomas had a great passion for fishing, hunting,  
18 camping, gardening, and the great outdoors; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Mozelle, and was blessed with  
20 four remarkable children, Brent, Kent, Marti, and Gary; nine wonderful grandchildren,  
21 Melanie, Dusty, Amber, Ashlee, Lindsey, Shane, Eric, Drew, and Gracie; 12 outstanding  
22 great-grandchildren, Hunter, Emma, Maleia, Cade, Bryson, Cayson, Kristen, Sinclaire,  
23 Sawyer, Silas, Brandon, and Weston; and four magnificent great-great-grandchildren, Darcy,  
24 Joseph, Marlee, and Mason; and

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

28 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
30 made this world a better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Thomas will long be remembered for his  
32 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
33 fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Thomas Raymond "Coach"  
36 Montgomery and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
39 family of Thomas Raymond "Coach" Montgomery.