

Senate Resolution 38

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Tony Ingle; 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 Tony Ingle on January 18, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a legendary coach who led the Dalton State basketball team to a 2015 national
5 championship, Tony gave those around him the tools to succeed both on and off the court
6 through his dedication and leadership; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Tony served as bishop of the Dalton ward of
8 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his coaching career began at the high school level in Georgia, where he led
10 three different programs before moving to the collegiate ranks; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was first tasked with rebuilding the dormant junior college program at
12 Gordon College, and by his third season, he had led the team to the regional championship
13 game; and

14 WHEREAS, after a brief stop at Alabama-Huntsville and seven seasons as an assistant coach
15 on Roger Reid's staff at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, Tony was hired as head
16 coach of the Kennesaw State University Owls, where he remained from 2000 to 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, during his 11 seasons with the Owls, the program earned its first NCAA
18 Division II National Championship and made the jump up to the NCAA Division I level,
19 joining the Atlantic Sun Conference; and

20 WHEREAS, Tony was then recruited in 2013 to resurrect the basketball program at Dalton
21 State, which had been dormant for decades; and

22 WHEREAS, he was admired as a local hero with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity,
23 intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this
24 world a better place in which to live; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Tony Ingle and express their deepest and most
30 sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Tony
33 Ingle.