

Senate Resolution 444

By: Senator Cowsert of the 46th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing former Atlanta Braves pitching coach Mr. Leo David Mazzone; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Leo David Mazzone was born on October 16, 1948, in Keyser, West  
4 Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, his passion for the game of baseball fostered a remarkable career as a player in  
6 the minor league systems for the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics; as a minor  
7 league coach; as the pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves and Baltimore Orioles; and now  
8 as a sports analyst for 680 The Fan and special pitching advisor for the baseball team at  
9 Furman University; and

10 WHEREAS, over the course of his 15 year tenure as pitching coach for the team, the Braves  
11 pitching staff – anchored by a premier rotation starring Greg Maddux, John Smoltz, and Tom  
12 Glavine – had a better earned run average than any other team in major league baseball; and

13 WHEREAS, he led the Braves to 14 straight postseason appearances; and

14 WHEREAS, a statistical analysis conducted by J.C. Bradbury found that his expert tutelage  
15 produced, on average, a .64 point reduction in a pitcher's earned run average; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Mazzone's deep knowledge and novel approach to pitching was  
17 instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Atlanta Braves dynasty of the 1990s and  
18 ultimately produced a World Series championship for the team in 1995.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 join in recognizing Mr. Leo David Mazzone for his many accomplishments and wish him  
21 continued success and happiness.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Leo David  
24 Mazzone.