

## Senate Resolution 955

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 25th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Walter Wade as an outstanding educator and coach; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter Wade distinguished himself as an educator, coach, and athletic  
4 administrator throughout his impressive career; and

5 WHEREAS, as a social studies and physical education teacher at Lynwood Park High School  
6 in DeKalb County, Coach Wade was tapped to become the head coach of the football,  
7 basketball, and track teams during the 1960–1961 school year; and

8 WHEREAS, after a very successful stint in DeKalb County, Coach Wade accepted the  
9 position as athletic director at West Fulton High School in 1969. During his leadership, he  
10 developed one of the premier athletic programs in the State of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, West Fulton captured a football state championship in 1974 and a basketball  
12 state championship in 1975 and 1976; and

13 WHEREAS, recognizing his outstanding leadership ability, Coach Wade was promoted to  
14 the position of athletic director of the Atlanta Public School district in 1977; and

15 WHEREAS, while serving in this capacity, he was elected as the vice president of the  
16 Georgia High School Athletic Association and as president of the Atlanta Athletic Coaches  
17 Association; and

18 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he was a strong advocate for gender equity throughout the  
19 Atlanta Public School system; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Wade also served as a member of the GHSA Executive Committee, the  
21 Metro Atlanta Athletic Directors Organization, the 100% Wrong Club, the Atlanta Sports

22 Council, the Braver Four Amended Club, and the American Alliance of Health, Physical  
23 Education and Recreation; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to the many awards that he has received, he will also be credited as  
25 one of the driving forces behind the idea that sports are more than just an education  
26 opportunity; and

27 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Georgia Athletic Director Association Hall of Fame  
28 in 2011; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately commended and recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize and commend Mr. Walter Wade for his many valuable contributions on behalf of  
33 the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for the future.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Walter Wade.