

By Representative Bainter

## House Resolution

A resolution honoring Gene Bebbber upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, University of Miami alumnus Gene Bebbber began his career at Mt. Dora High School in 1970 when he stood as head football coach overlooking the Mt. Dora Hurricane's playing field and knew that he was "home," and

WHEREAS, after serving as head coach for two years, Gene Bebbber accepted the position of athletic director, a post he was to hold for 23 years, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his time as head coach of the Mt. Dora Hurricanes, Gene Bebbber's coaching duties of the past 30 years include coaching junior varsity football, baseball, boys' track, weightlifting, golf, and girls' tennis, and

WHEREAS, Gene Bebbber also devoted himself to the classroom, where he taught American history, American government, geography, compensatory education, and physical education, and

WHEREAS, while engaged as a teacher and coach, Gene Bebbber also acted as sponsor for the Key Club from 1981-1985 and as a class sponsor for five years for the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes, and

WHEREAS, during his career at Mt. Dora High, the seemingly tireless Gene Bebbber formed the Hurricane Booster Club, was instrumental in having the gymnasium improved, initiated the building of a much-needed field house and two practice fields, and saw to it that a weight room was built and furnished and later improved and expanded, and

WHEREAS, Gene Bebbber was responsible for many fundraisers for the support of the school athletic teams,

1 ensuring that each team was always properly outfitted and  
2 equipped and that the facilities were the best to be had, and

3 WHEREAS, on October 29, 1998, Gene Bebbler retired from  
4 a long and illustrious career as educator, coach, and athletic  
5 director of Mt. Dora High School, NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
8 Florida:

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10 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
11 deliberations to congratulate and honor Gene Bebbler upon his  
12 retirement from Mt. Dora High School.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
14 be presented to Gene Bebbler as a tangible token of the  
15 sentiments expressed herein.

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