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House Resolution 994

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Jones of the 47th, Daniel of the 117th, Ridley of the 22nd, Erwin of the 32nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia State University Athletic Department for its
- 2 accomplishments in athletics and academics in 2023; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Athletic Department compiled a 3.28 grade point
- 4 average for the 2023 spring and fall semesters combined; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Athletic Department has maintained a grade point
- 6 average of 3.0 or higher for 31 consecutive semesters; and
- 7 WHEREAS, nearly 500 Georgia State University student-athletes achieved academic honors
- 8 for the 2023 spring and fall semesters, including 101 student-athletes who earned President's
- 9 List recognition for a semester grade point average of 4.0 or higher; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University football team earned a bowl berth for the fourth
- 11 time in the last five years and sixth time in its 10 seasons at the Football Bowl Subdivision
- 12 level; and
- WHEREAS, the Georgia State University football team won its third straight bowl game
- with a dominating 45-22 victory over Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University football team achieved the best start in program

- 16 history with a 6-1 record and earned a vote in the national poll for the first time; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University beach volleyball team won the inaugural Sun Belt
- 18 Conference Beach Volleyball Championship and earned a trip to the NCAA Beach
- 19 Volleyball National Championships for the second straight year and fourth time overall; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University beach volleyball team posted its 10th consecutive
- 21 winning season and earned a final ranking of No. 14 in the nation; and
- 22 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University softball team was recognized for having the
- 23 highest team grade point average in the nation for the 2023 season; and
- 24 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University women's cross country, men's golf, softball, and
- 25 women's tennis teams posted the highest team grade point average in the Sun Belt
- 26 Conference for their respective sports.
- 27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 28 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia State University Panthers for
- 29 their all-around success in athletics and academics in 2023 and the pride and prestige they
- 30 brought to the students, staff, and alumni of Georgia State University.
- 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
- 33 Georgia State University Panthers and the Georgia State University Athletic Department.