

## Senate Resolution 79

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Rahman of the 5th, Burns of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Brent Key as the 21st head football coach and J Batt as the  
2 10th director of athletics at the Georgia Institute of Technology; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a Georgia Tech alumnus (Management 2001) and football letterwinner, Coach  
4 Brent Key was named the 21st head coach in Georgia Tech football history on November 29,  
5 2022; prior to being named Georgia Tech's interim head coach last season, Key was in his  
6 fourth season as the Yellow Jackets' assistant head coach, run game coordinator, and  
7 offensive line coach; and

8 WHEREAS, before Key came back to his alma mater, he spent three seasons as offensive  
9 line coach at Alabama from 2016 to 2018. Prior to that, Key spent 11 seasons at UCF from  
10 2005 to 2015. Key got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at Georgia Tech from 2001  
11 to 2002, and Key was a four-year starter in his four seasons as a student-athlete at Georgia  
12 Tech from 1997 to 2000. A Clay, Alabama, native, Key was an all-state performer at  
13 Hewitt-Trussville High School. He and his wife, Danielle, have a daughter, Harper; and

14 WHEREAS, J Batt was named the director of athletics at Georgia Tech starting October 24,  
15 2022, and in this position, he is responsible for planning, developing, administering, and  
16 advancing Georgia Tech's intercollegiate athletic programs with a focus on building an

17 environment that inspires and empowers student-athletes to be champions in academics,  
18 competition, and life; and

19 WHEREAS, previously, Batt served as executive deputy director of athletics, chief operating  
20 officer, and chief revenue officer at the University of Alabama. Before his tenure at  
21 Alabama, Batt held positions at East Carolina University; Maryland; James Madison  
22 University; the College of William & Mary; and his alma mater, the University of North  
23 Carolina at Chapel Hill. A member of the Tar Heels' 2001 NCAA champion mens' soccer  
24 team, Batt graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in  
25 journalism and mass communications and a master's degree in sports administration. Batt and  
26 his wife, Leah, have two boys, Fitz and Graham.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend Brent Key and J Batt for their many years of dedicated service; congratulate them  
29 upon their new appointments; and extend to them our sincere best wishes for continued  
30 success, health, and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate is authorized and directed to  
32 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Brent Key and J Batt.