

## House Resolution 1204

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Golick of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Cauble of the 111<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia State University Panthers football team for its outstanding season;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Panthers football team, in just its eighth season of  
4 play, earned its first bowl game victory with a 27-17 win over Western Kentucky University  
5 in the AutoNation Cure Bowl in Orlando, Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, the Panthers, led by first-year head coach Shawn Elliott, recorded their first  
7 winning season as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) program with a new school record of  
8 seven victories; and

9 WHEREAS, the team won five road games during the season, tied for second in the nation;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia State defense set school records for fewest points allowed per  
12 game, fewest rushing yards allowed per game, fewest yards per rushing attempt, and most  
13 sacks in a season; and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia State offense set school records for highest completion percentage  
15 and fewest interceptions in a season, as well as most yards in a single game; and

16 WHEREAS, nine Georgia State student-athletes earned All-Sun Belt Conference recognition,  
17 led by first team all-conference selection Penny Hart; and

18 WHEREAS, GSU student-athletes Chandon Sullivan, Gabe Mobley, and Julien Laurent were  
19 named Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America; and  
20 Sullivan went on to become Georgia State's first football Academic All-American, as well  
21 as a finalist for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia State University and its football program earned national recognition  
23 for the opening of "Pete" Petit Field at Georgia State Stadium; and

24 WHEREAS, this magnificent team performed with precision during the season and earned  
25 its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play,  
26 and the stiff competition it presented to its opponents.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend the Georgia State University Panthers football team for  
29 its outstanding season, its victory in the AutoNation Cure Bowl, and the pride and prestige  
30 it has 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 Georgia State University Panthers football team.