

House Resolution 13

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Meeks of the 178th, Gaines of the 120th, Burns of the 159th, Williams of the 148th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Stetson Bennett—a product of Blackshear, Georgia—for leading the University
2 of Georgia Bulldogs to the first back-to-back national championships in College Football
3 Playoff's history and a perfect 15-0 mark in 2022; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett did the duty that lies nearest to lead the University of Georgia
5 Bulldogs to the 2022 SEC Championship, their first since 2017 and the program's 14th since
6 1942, and then this season's College Football Playoff crown, giving Georgia a 29-1 mark
7 over the last two years and delivering the program its fourth consecutive national title; and

8 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett has been named the MVP of his final five post-season games:
9 2021 CFP Semifinal Capital One Orange Bowl, 2022 CFP National Championship Game,
10 2022 SEC Championship Game, 2022 CFP Semifinal Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, and 2023
11 CFP National Championship Game; and

12 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett set five school records for a season during the 2022 campaign
13 in passing yards in a season (4,127 yards), completion percentage for a season (68.3 percent),
14 total offense (4,332 yards), passing completions (310), and pass attempts (454), as well as
15 one during the 2021 national championship run in pass efficiency rating (176.7); and

16 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett became Georgia's first 4,000-yard passer in a season after
17 completing his career 18-for-25 for 304 yards and four touchdowns while rushing for another
18 pair of scores in the dismantling of the Horned Frogs; and

19 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett guided the senior class to a school record mark of 49-5, a run
20 that includes an unprecedented two national championships in a row, four CFP victories, an
21 SEC title, three SEC Eastern Division crowns, and victories at the 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl
22 and 2021 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl; and

23 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett posted a career 2-0 record versus No. 1 teams, including the
24 Bulldogs win over top-ranked Alabama for the 2021 national championship and Georgia's
25 victory over No. 1 Tennessee in Sanford Stadium this season; and

26 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett transitioned from a Bulldogs walk-on in 2017 to a transfer in
27 2018, then back to Georgia in 2019 as he rose like a phoenix, battling for his starting role
28 over the next two seasons before securing the starting quarterback spot for the historic 2021
29 and 2022 campaigns; and

30 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett won the 2022 Burlsworth Trophy as being the most outstanding
31 college player who started his career as a walk-on; and

32 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett was Georgia's first Heisman Trophy finalist since 1992 this
33 season, finishing fourth in the overall tally this year; and

34 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett helped the Bulldogs to complete historic 8-0 SEC regular
35 seasons in 2021 and 2022; and

36 WHEREAS, Stetson Bennett will forever be considered one of the finest to ever don the Red
37 and Black.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize and commend Stetson Bennett for his exemplary athletic
40 career as part of the University of Georgia Bulldogs and extend sincere best wishes for future
41 success and happiness.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
44 Stetson Bennett.