

House Resolution 867

By: Representative Ehrhart of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Kennesaw State University, commending Kennesaw State on the
2 commencement of its football program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in December 2009, Kennesaw State University (KSU) organized a 33 person
4 football exploratory committee, headed by former University of Georgia coach and athletic
5 director Vince Dooley, which after extensive research, community and campus input, much
6 deliberation, and a student body vote, recommended starting a football program; and

7 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted in February
8 2013 to approve the university's request to add football to its 17 sport NCAA Division I
9 intercollegiate athletics program; the addition of football at KSU will increase positive
10 national recognition of the university and strengthen the sense of pride and connection
11 among and between students, alumni, and the community at large; and

12 WHEREAS, through a recently announced multimillion dollar, multiyear sponsorship
13 agreement, KSU Stadium has been named Fifth Third Bank Stadium; the 8,300 seat stadium,
14 with the capacity to accommodate 9,500 people, including standing room patrons, currently
15 hosts the Owls' women's soccer and lacrosse teams and will be the venue for the football
16 team's inaugural season, expected to begin in 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, KSU, which has a rare "A" rating by the American Council of Trustees and
18 Alumni, is the third-largest university in the University System of Georgia with an
19 enrollment of more than 24,600, 130 countries represented in the student body, 1,389 faculty
20 members, and 1,311 staff members; KSU is a comprehensive residential university that offers
21 51 bachelor's, 28 master's, and ten doctoral degree programs in nine colleges; and

22 WHEREAS, KSU graduates more nurses and teachers each year than any university in
23 Georgia and has an economic impact in northwest Georgia of nearly \$900 million; and

24 WHEREAS, in February of 2013, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and
25 CIFAL Atlanta signed a memorandum of understanding with Kennesaw State University to
26 jointly provide training programs for leaders from around the world; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 Georgia university be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Kennesaw State University and its longstanding history
31 of providing high quality educational opportunities to Georgia students, commend KSU on
32 the commencement of its football program, and extend their sincere best wishes for future
33 success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Dan Papp,
36 Arlethia Perry-Johnson, Vaughn Williams, and Nathan Humphrey.