

Senate Resolution 1161

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Williams of the 27th and Cowser of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lindsay Reeves; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA)
3 announced the 28 winners of the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award, with
4 University of North Georgia (UNG) Director of Athletics Lindsay Reeves honored as one
5 of four NCAA Division II recipients; and

6 WHEREAS, the award highlights the efforts of athletics directors and their commitment and
7 positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses, and surrounding communities; and

8 WHEREAS, each NACDA member director of athletics in the United States, Canada, and
9 Mexico who served as an athletic director for a minimum of five academic years;
10 demonstrated a commitment to higher education and student-athletes, continuous teamwork,
11 loyalty, and excellence; and inspired individuals or groups to high levels of accomplishments
12 is eligible for the award; and

13 WHEREAS, additionally, each athletic director's institution must have passed a compliance
14 check through the appropriate governing body to ensure the institution was not on probation
15 or cited for a lack of institutional control within the last five years during the tenure of the
16 current athletics director; and

17 WHEREAS, Lindsay Reeves is in her 16th year at UNG, she invested five years as associate
18 director of athletics and senior woman administrator, and the 2015-16 season will mark her
19 sixth year as the director of athletics for the 12-sport intercollegiate program; and

20 WHEREAS, she is the third athletic director in the history of UNG athletics; is the first
21 female director of athletics at UNG, leading the development and implementation of a
22 diversity action plan to ensure and promote diversity among the university's student-athletes,
23 staff, and community and advocating for all areas of athletic excellence; and oversees 12

24 NCAA Division II sports, 48 athletic department employees, nine facilities, and more than
25 225 student-athletes; and

26 WHEREAS, under her leadership, UNG athletic programs have enjoyed prosperity, the UNG
27 softball team was crowned 2015 NCAA Division II National Champions, and she mentors
28 teams to championships on the conference, regional, and national levels while emphasizing
29 total student-athlete development; and

30 WHEREAS, her department's mission of developing the total student-athlete is championed
31 by each sports program at UNG as they teach students-athletes the core principles of
32 competition, integrity, fair play, personal character, and good sportsmanship; and

33 WHEREAS, Lindsay Reeves' leadership reflects UNG's strong commitment to the overall
34 experience of student-athletes and to service, leadership, and respect; and

35 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014, she was named the National Association of Collegiate
36 Womens' Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) NCAA Division II Administrator of the Year,
37 an annual award presented to NACWAA members for significant contributions made as
38 athletics administrators, and Ms. Reeves currently serves on the NACWAA Educational &
39 Professional Development Committee; and

40 WHEREAS, beginning in the fall of 2015, Ms. Reeves began serving a four-year term on the
41 NCAA Division II Management Council, which is in addition to her service on the Division
42 II Academic Requirements Committee, Division II Management Council Identity
43 Subcommittee, Division II Convention Planning Project Team, and Division II Military Pilot
44 Project Team; and

45 WHEREAS, she also serves the Peach Belt Conference as the chair of the Athletic Directors'
46 Committee and began her two-year term in January, 2016; and

47 WHEREAS, Ms. Reeves graduated from Ithaca College with a bachelor's degree in physical
48 education and received her master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of
49 North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill; and

50 WHEREAS, after completing her education, she worked as the director of testing at the
51 Sports Training Institute in New York; as the assistant director of health and fitness at

52 General Electric World Headquarters in Connecticut; and from 1990 to 1999, as the director
53 of employee wellness and faculty member at UNC Chapel Hill.

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
55 recognize and commend Lindsay Reeves for her service to the student-athletes of Georgia
56 and wish her continued success.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
58 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lindsay Reeves.