

## Senate Resolution 418

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Seay of the 34th, Harrell of the 40th, Tate of the 38th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Georgia State University men's soccer team on its outstanding performance  
2 and appearance in the NCAA Tournament; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University (GSU) Panthers men's soccer team earned its  
4 first-ever NCAA Tournament win with a 1-0 victory over Charlotte; and
- 5 WHEREAS, for the first time in program history, the team finished ranked in the final  
6 College Soccer News Top 30 Poll; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Panthers, led by 11th-year Head Coach Brett Surrency, recorded the most  
8 wins over ranked opponents in a single season; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the team earned a runner-up finish in the Mid-American Conference (MAC)  
10 Tournament Championship; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the team earned just the fourth at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament in  
12 program history; and

13 WHEREAS, the Panthers finished the season with 13 wins, tied for the sixth-most in a single  
14 season in school history; and

15 WHEREAS, GSU navigated a very challenging schedule that included six matches against  
16 ranked opponents; and

17 WHEREAS, GSU student-athlete Matthew Fearnley earned Senior CLASS Award First  
18 Team honors and became the first player in program history to earn multiple Academic  
19 All-America honors by the College Sports Information Directors of America; and

20 WHEREAS, GSU student-athletes George Proctor, Gunther Rankenburg, and Ross Finnie  
21 earned All-Region honors; and

22 WHEREAS, a MAC-leading 12 GSU student-athletes earned All-Academic honors; and

23 WHEREAS, four GSU student-athletes earned All-MAC recognition, led by first team  
24 honorees George Proctor and Gunther Rankenburg; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend the Georgia State University men's soccer team for its outstanding performance,  
30 its win in the NCAA Tournament, and the pride and prestige it has brought to the students,  
31 staff, and alumni of Georgia State University.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia State  
34 University men's soccer team.