

## Senate Resolution 434

By: Senators Burns of the 23rd, Tippins of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia State University football team on its outstanding  
2 performance and victory in the 2021 Tax Act Camellia Bowl; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University (GSU) Panthers football team, in just its 12th  
4 season of competition, earned a second-straight bowl game win with a 51-20 victory over  
5 Ball State in the 2021 Tax Act Camellia Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, the Panthers, led by five-year Head Coach Shawn Elliott, recorded the most  
7 wins (eight) in a season in program history; and

8 WHEREAS, the team finished with a school-best 6-2 Sun Belt Conference record; and

9 WHEREAS, the Panthers finished the season by winning seven of their eight final games;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, GSU navigated a very challenging schedule and was the only program in the  
12 Football Bowl Subdivision to face four nationally-ranked opponents on the road; and

13 WHEREAS, GSU defense set school records with 38 quarterback sacks and 84 tackles for  
14 loss; and

15 WHEREAS, GSU offense ranked No. 8 in the country in rushing, averaging 226.4 rushing  
16 yards per game; and

17 WHEREAS, GSU student-athlete Shamarious Gilmore made history as the program's first  
18 five-time All-Sun Belt Conference honoree; and

19 WHEREAS, twelve other Georgia State student-athletes also earned All-Sun Belt  
20 Conference recognition; and

21 WHEREAS, GSU student-athlete Seth Glausier earned Academic All-District honors from  
22 the College Sports Information Directors of America; and

23 WHEREAS, GSU student-athlete Jaylon Jones was a semifinalist for the prestigious Walter  
24 Campbell Trophy as the premier football scholar-athlete in the nation; 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 recognize and commend the Georgia State University football team for its outstanding  
30 season, its victory in the 2021 Tax Camellia Bowl, and the pride and prestige it has brought  
31 to the students, 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 the Georgia State  
34 University football team.