

Senate Resolution 788

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Anderson of the 24th, Ginn of the 47th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Thompson of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia State University Panthers football team for its outstanding season;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University Panthers football team, in just its eighth season of
4 play, earned its first bowl game victory with a 27-17 win over Western Kentucky University
5 in the AutoNation Cure Bowl in Orlando, Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, the Panthers, led by first-year Head Coach Shawn Elliott, recorded their first
7 winning season as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) program with a new school record of
8 seven victories; and

9 WHEREAS, the team won five road games during the season, tied for second in the nation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Panthers' defense set school records for fewest points allowed per game,
12 fewest rushing yards allowed per game, fewest yards per rushing attempt, and most sacks in
13 a season; and

14 WHEREAS, the Panthers' offense set school records for highest completion percentage and
15 fewest interceptions in a season, as well as most yards in a single game; and

16 WHEREAS, nine student-athletes earned All-Sun Belt Conference recognition, led by first
17 team all-conference selection Penny Hart; and

18 WHEREAS, student-athletes Chandon Sullivan, Gabe Mobley, and Julien Laurent were
19 named Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America; and
20 Chandon Sullivan went on to become Georgia State's first football Academic All-American,
21 as well as a finalist for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia State University and its football program earned national recognition
23 for the opening of "Pete" Petit Field at Georgia State Stadium; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Georgia State University Panthers football team for its outstanding season, its
29 victory in the AutoNation Cure Bowl, and the pride and prestige it has brought to the
30 students, staff, and alumni of Georgia State University.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia State
33 University Panthers football team.