

## Senate Resolution 56

By: Senators Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Gillis of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Dean of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 25<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Southern University Football Team; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Southern University Football Team has an outstanding tradition of  
4 excellence in the national collegiate sport of football and brought fame and honor to the  
5 university, students, and state as the NCAA 1-AA National Champions for 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, these terrific athletes earned the sixth national title for Georgia Southern, the  
7 third in the last ten years and the second in as many years, and the 13-2 overall record is one  
8 of the third-best seasons ever and the best since 1999, another 13-2 record season; and

9 WHEREAS, the team won the Southern Conference Championship for the fourth straight  
10 year and the fifth championship ever, and the superior performance of these players and their  
11 superb teamwork earned Head Coach Paul Johnson the AFCA Division I-AA Region II title  
12 as Coach of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, the Eagles broke or tied 51 team or individual records in 2000; won more games  
14 (40) than any other NCAA Division I (A or AA) team in the nation during the last three  
15 seasons; and posted an all-time record of 34-6 in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, the top  
16 record in the history of the division.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and  
18 commends the Georgia Southern University Football Team on its fabulous season and its  
19 championship title and conveys its congratulations and best wishes to the team and Head  
20 Coach Paul Johnson.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Head Coach Paul Johnson.