

Senate Resolution 725

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Commending Jessie F. Tuggle; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jessie F. Tuggle is an outstanding individual who has excelled on the athletic  
3 field and in the community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is a 1992 graduate of Valdosta State University where he was a four-year  
5 letterman and a three-year starter in the early years of Blazer football; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during his career at Valdosta State University, he set the university record for  
7 total career tackles, was twice named to the Gulf South Conference All-Conference Team,  
8 was named as a first team All-American in his senior year, and was recognized as one of the  
9 premier defensive players in the nation; and
- 10 WHEREAS, as a result of his collegiate achievements, his number 88 jersey was retired by  
11 Valdosta State University in 1993; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he went on to play professional football for 14 years with the Atlanta Falcons  
13 where he was the leading tackler in the National Football League with 12 straight 100 tackle  
14 seasons and where he set the career record for most touchdowns by recovery of opponents'  
15 fumbles; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he serves as the spokesperson for the Fatherhood Campaign in Georgia, served  
17 as the national spokesperson for the United Way in 1996, was the Falcons' 1993 Man of the  
18 Year, and received the Peach of an Athlete award in 1996; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he has made substantial contributions to the success and improvement of  
20 Valdosta State Blazer athletics; and

1 WHEREAS, this stellar man epitomizes the courage, determination, leadership, and character  
2 necessary to attain excellence in athletic prowess and performance and to achieve success  
3 as an individual and citizen; and

4 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative skills and outstanding  
5 deeds of this accomplished athlete be appropriately recognized.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
7 commend Jessie F. Tuggle for his unprecedented athletic performance, his exemplary  
8 community service, and his undying loyalty to and support of Valdosta State University and  
9 extend to him their sincerest best wishes for success in the future.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jessie F. Tuggle.