

House Resolution 487

By: Representatives Murphy of the 18th, Martin of the 47th, Porter of the 143rd, Pinholster of the 15th, Smith of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia State University's men's basketball team and inviting the coaches and
2 players to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia State University men's basketball team has established and maintained
4 a proud tradition of excellence in men's basketball with equal emphases on character and
5 academics; and

6 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another ultra successful season of
7 basketball competition by winning the Trans American Athletic Conference regular season
8 and as a fitting finale to their remarkable 2000-2001 campaign, becoming the Trans
9 American Athletic Conference Tournament champions; and

10 WHEREAS, the Panthers prowled through the season, becoming the first team in Georgia
11 State University's history to win 20 or more games during the regular season and remained
12 undefeated on its home court during regular season and tournament play; and

13 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team has earned them the right to be one
14 of 65 teams competing in the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship; and

15 WHEREAS, this is only the second time in Georgia State University's history that the school
16 has been invited to the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, the players and coaches of the 2000-2001 Georgia State University's men's
18 basketball team have demonstrated the pursuit of excellence and their success is a clear
19 indication of the outstanding athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of
20 purpose and spirit each member of the team possesses under the astute direction of head
21 coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell who is in a fifth-place tie as the winningest coach in the
22 NCAA with 761 career wins and who has also tied the NCAA record of taking four different
23 universities to the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship; and

1 WHEREAS, the people of Georgia take great pride in the many academic and extracurricular
2 accomplishments of the universities and colleges of their state.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend the Georgia State University's men's basketball team
5 for its unparalleled achievements and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success
6 in the future.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the coaches and players of the Georgia State
8 University's men's basketball team are invited to appear before the House of Representatives
9 on a day and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Charles "Lefty"
12 Driesell on behalf of the team.