

House Resolution 649

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Porter of the 143rd, McBee of the 88th and Pinholster of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Georgia State University's women's basketball team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's women's basketball team has established and
3 maintained a proud tradition of excellence in women's basketball with equal emphases on
4 character and academics; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another ultra successful season of
6 basketball, with their second consecutive accomplishment of 24 wins in one season, winning
7 15 of their last 16 games, including the last five consecutive games, and, as a fitting finale
8 to their remarkable 2000-2001 campaign, becoming Georgia State University's first-ever
9 Trans American Athletic Conference women's basketball champions; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers have battled favorably against some of the toughest
11 opponents in the region to earn a second consecutive, postseason tournament bid; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers prowled through the season, becoming the first team in
13 Georgia State University's history to receive a bid to the prestigious Women's Division I
14 National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team has earned them the right to be one
16 of 64 teams competing in the Division I Women's NCAA Basketball Championship; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the players and coaches of the 2000-2001 Georgia State University's women'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 Lea Henry, who is the winningest coach in Georgia State University's 24 year history
22 of women's basketball, with 166 career wins and 111 wins in her seven seasons at Georgia
23 State University; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Henry, who earned a 1994 Olympic Gold Medal on the U.S. women's
2 basketball team, has earned the distinction of being named TAAC Coach of the Year three
3 times and, with her fourth straight winning season, continues to build an outstanding and
4 winning team; and

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

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

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Lea Henry on behalf
13 of the team.