

Senate Resolution 44EX2

By: Senators Brush of the 24th, Burton of the 5th, Polak of the 42nd and Gingrey of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Coach George O'Leary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Coach George O'Leary is one of America's most respected football coaches
3 who has guided Georgia Tech's storied football program back to national prominence; and
- 4 WHEREAS, long regarded as one of the premier defensive coaches in college football,
5 Coach O'Leary was named Georgia Tech's tenth head football coach in November, 1994,
6 by then Director of Athletics Dr. Homer Rice; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a measure of the regard in which Coach O'Leary is held is the appointment to
8 the Board of Trustees of the American Football Coaches Association, beginning in 2001; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after leading the Yellow Jackets to a season that exceeded all expectations in
10 2000, Coach O'Leary was recognized as the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year
11 for the second time in the last three seasons; and
- 12 WHEREAS, with a berth in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, the Yellow Jackets earned their
13 fourth straight bowl trip, a first for the program since the halcyon days of Bobby Dodd; and
- 14 WHEREAS, over the last three seasons, Coach O'Leary has guided Georgia Tech to a 27-9
15 record and three straight top 25 finishes in the national polls; and
- 16 WHEREAS, with an overall head coaching record of 45-28, Coach O'Leary has won more
17 games in his first six seasons on the Flats than any previous Georgia Tech coach; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Coach O'Leary and his assistant coaches are building a solid foundation for the
19 future with strong recruiting classes; and

1 WHEREAS, his coaching philosophy is said to mirror George O'Leary the man: straight
2 forward, direct, and honest, and his approach has engendered intense loyalty from the players
3 from whom he demanded success; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Central Islip, New York, he is a 1968 graduate of the University of
5 New Hampshire and began his coaching career that year as an assistant at his alma mater,
6 Central Islip High School; and

7 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, the former Sharon Littlefield, are the proud parents of
8 two daughters, Chris and Trish, and two sons, Tim and Marty.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 commend George O'Leary, esteemed head coach of the Georgia Tech football team, and
11 extend to him their respect and appreciation for his outstanding accomplishments and
12 contributions and the great credit he reflects on the State of Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach O'Leary.