

Senate Resolution 706

By: Senators Hudgens of the 47th, Kemp of the 46th, Johnson of the 1st, Seabaugh of the 28th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending William B. "Billy" Bennett, University of Georgia student athlete; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Athens, the University of Georgia, and State of Georgia are proud to call
4 William B. Bennett a native son and one of their own; and

5 WHEREAS, William B. Bennett, known as "Billy," was born in Athens, Georgia, on August
6 16, 1982, to his loving parents, Donald A. and Kay Stephens Bennett; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended high school at Athens Academy where he excelled as a kicker in
8 football and was selected Most Valuable Offensive Player on his 1999 state championship
9 soccer team; and

10 WHEREAS, as a freshman at the University of Georgia in 2000, he joined the Georgia
11 Bulldogs football team as a walk-on player and, amazingly, took over the starting role of
12 place kicker in only his third game of the season; and

13 WHEREAS, for his successful freshman year, he was named to the Freshman All-America
14 first team by *The Sporting News* and to the True Freshman All-America Team by *Rivals.com*;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, in the Bulldogs' 2002 season he was designated as a member of the All-SEC
17 first team by SEC coaches and *The Associated Press*; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2003, he finished a spectacular senior season and collegiate football career
19 as a holder of nine NCAA records including Most Field Goals Made in a Season, Most Field
20 Goals Made in a Career, Most Field Goals Made in a Two-Year Period, and Highest
21 Percentage of Field Goals Made, 40 Yards or More; seven SEC records including Most

1 Career Points, Most Points Kicking in a Season, Most Field Goals Made in a Season, and
2 Most Field Goals Made in a Career; and 13 University of Georgia records; and

3 WHEREAS, for his remarkable leadership on the field and ability to perform under pressure,
4 Billy Bennett was elected permanent special teams captain by his teammates; and

5 WHEREAS, he was an integral part of the team's winning a combined 32 games over his last
6 three seasons and ranking among the top five teams nationally in winning percentage; and

7 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that the superlative skills and outstanding
8 achievements of this accomplished and gifted student athlete be appropriately recognized as
9 well as the pride, honor, and respect he has brought himself, his school, his community, and
10 this state.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends
12 William B. "Billy" Bennett on his illustrious and unprecedented career as a University of
13 Georgia student athlete and wishes him all the best in all his future endeavors.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William B. "Billy" Bennett.