

House Resolution 1655

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Fleming of the 117th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Dollar of the 45th, Heard of the 114th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating and recognizing the Uga line of mascots from the University of Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the university has had six Ugas since 1956 to reign as the face of the University
4 of Georgia, including: Uga I, Hood's Ole Dan (1956-67); Uga II, Ole Dan's Uga (1967-72);
5 Uga III, Seiler's Uga Three (1973-80); Uga IV, Seiler's Uga Four (1981-89); Uga V, Uga
6 IV's Magillicuddy II (1990-99); and Uga VI Whatchagot Loran (1999-present); and

7 WHEREAS, the line of Ugas was established and has been owned for the last 50 years by
8 the distinguished Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler family of Savannah, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Uga has been featured in numerous national publications including *The*
10 *Sporting News*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and most famously on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* as the
11 magazine's number one college mascot; and

12 WHEREAS, Uga has accompanied the University of Georgia football team to 34 postseason
13 bowl games, including the 1980 national championship game at the Sugar Bowl in New
14 Orleans, Louisiana, the 1983 NCAA Basketball Final Four in Albuquerque, New Mexico,
15 and is the only live mascot in the country to attend the Heisman Trophy Banquet, when he
16 accompanied the great Herschel Walker to the ceremony at the Downtown Athletic Club in
17 New York City; and

18 WHEREAS, Uga has credits on both television and the silver screen including appearances
19 on Turner South's *Liars and Legends* and the movies *Gator* (1976) and *Midnight in the*
20 *Garden of Good and Evil*; and

21 WHEREAS, this year the Uga line of mascots celebrates its 50th anniversary of representing
22 the University of Georgia as the undisputed face and spirit of the university.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commemorate the Uga line of mascots from the
3 University of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the University of Georgia
6 and the Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler family.