

House Resolution 979

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Heard of the 114th, McKillip of the 115th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Fleming of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the University of Georgia Women's Track Team; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia Women's Track Team claimed the school's first
4 Southeastern Conference indoor track and field championship in Gainesville, Florida, posting
5 an amazing score of 101.50 points; and

6 WHEREAS, Sophomore Natalie Picchetti surged from the middle of the pack at the
7 Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships to win her first conference title in the mile;
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9 WHEREAS, Freshman Lavern Spencer broke the school record in the high jump to claim the
10 first Southeastern Conference title of her career; and

11 WHEREAS, Senior Kierny Jackson soared 13 feet 3/4 inches in the pole vault to win her
12 event and lead the Lady Bulldogs to their first Southeastern Conference indoor title in school
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, Jenny Dahlgren won her first Southeastern Conference title in the weight throw
15 after a throw of 73 feet, 3 1/4 inches, then unleashed a toss of 78 feet 10 1/2 inches, the
16 second longest weight throw in NCAA history to win her first NCAA title for UGA; and

17 WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs edged Auburn by one point at the Southeastern Conference
18 Outdoor Championships; and

19 WHEREAS, Patricia Sylvester, who scored the most points on the women's side at the
20 Southeastern Conference Outdoor Championships, won SEC titles in both the triple jump and
21 the long jump; and

1 WHEREAS, Junior Krista Woodward won her third Southeastern Conference Championship
2 in the javelin and helped her team win its second consecutive league crown; and

3 WHEREAS, Senior Kierney Jackson capped her career in the Southeastern Conference by
4 claiming the pole vault title with a jump of 13 feet, 11 inches, which remains the third-best
5 jump in school history; and

6 WHEREAS, Levern Spencer won her second straight Southeastern Conference high jump
7 championship during her first outdoor season with the Lady Bulldogs; and

8 WHEREAS, Jenny Dahlgren broke the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA records in
9 the hammer throw with a throw of 235 feet, 6 inches, winning an SEC outdoor title, and she
10 topped her own record two weeks later at the NCAA East Regional at 236 feet, 3 inches; and

11 WHEREAS, Jenny Dahlgren cruised to her second NCAA Championship with a hammer
12 throw of 226 feet, 4 inches at the NCAA Outdoor Championships; and

13 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
14 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
15 member of the team and the astute direction of Head Coach Wayne Norton; and

16 WHEREAS, this magnificent team performed with precision during the season and earned
17 its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend the University of Georgia Women's Track Team for its
20 unparalleled achievements and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the
21 future.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Head Coach Wayne Norton.