

House Resolution 2006

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Murphy of the 120th, Frazier of the 123rd, Fleming of the 117th, Davis of the 122nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Augusta State University's mens basketball team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 Augusta State University mens basketball team has established
3 a standard of athletic excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this superlative team completed a whirlwind season, equaling the school record
5 with 27 season wins, their highest record since the 1969-1970 season; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Jaguars advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in school history, to the
7 Final Four for the first time, and to the National Championship game for the first time, and
8 they were the national finalists and the NCAA South Atlantic Regional Champions for the
9 first time; and
- 10 WHEREAS, they were rated number six in the preseason national ranking, achieving their
11 first preseason national ranking in school history, and they rose as high as number five in the
12 nation during the regular season, their highest national ranking in school history; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Tyrekus "AJ" Bowman, Garret Siler, and Ben Madgen were named All-Peach
14 Belt Conference; Bowman and Siler were named All-South Atlantic Region; Bowman was
15 the first two-time All-American player in school history; and Bowman and Siler were named
16 to the Elite Eight All-Tournament team; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this outstanding team played on national television for the first time in school
18 history, setting a new school record for a combined 51 wins during the last two seasons; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Augusta State University's senior class racked up an 85-38 record over the last
20 four seasons and became the second winningest senior class in school history; and

1 WHEREAS, Tyrekus "AJ" Bowman concluded his outstanding career with 1,827 points, the
2 second highest score in school history behind Derek Stewart's total of 1,895 and the second
3 highest in Peach Belt Conference history behind only Carlton Farr of Francis Marion's total
4 of 1,863 points from 1990 through 1995; and

5 WHEREAS, with his 20-point effort against the Warriors, Madgen went over the 1,000-point
6 mark in only his 64th career game for Augusta State University, and he currently stands at
7 1,012 points; Siler surpassed that milestone during the national semifinal win over Alaska-
8 Anchorage with 17 game points, and he currently stands at 1,033 total career points; and

9 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of this team is a clear indication of the outstanding
10 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
11 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute guidance and
12 direction of their coaches; and

13 WHEREAS, as they have performed with courage and determination, the Augusta State
14 University team has brought honor to Augusta State University, the City of Augusta, and the
15 State of Georgia.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend the Augusta State University mens basketball team for
18 its unparalleled determination, tenacity, and character; commend the coaches; and extend
19 their sincerest best wishes for continued success.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Augusta State University.