

House Resolution 1864

By: Representative Keen of the 179<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Institute of Technology Football Head Coach Paul Johnson on being  
2 named the 2009 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year and inviting him to be  
3 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Paul Johnson joined the Georgia Institute of Technology as head coach  
5 of the Yellow Jacket football team in 2007 after successful coaching runs at Georgia  
6 Southern University and the United States Naval Academy; and

7 WHEREAS, in only his second year coaching the Yellow Jackets, he led the team to a 10-2  
8 regular season with historic wins over Florida State University, Virginia Tech, and Clemson  
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Johnson's powerful triple option earned the Yellow Jackets a top ten  
11 national ranking at the end of the season and the 2009 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC)  
12 Championship for the first time since 1990; and

13 WHEREAS, modeling Coach Johnson's work ethic and discipline, the team produced the  
14 ACC Defensive Player of the Year and earned a bid to the FedEx Orange Bowl, a first ever  
15 Bowl Championship Series appearance for the university; and

16 WHEREAS, the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association recognized the outstanding  
17 leadership of Coach Johnson by naming him the ACC Coach of the Year for the second  
18 consecutive year, making him the only head coach in Georgia Tech's history to win this  
19 prestigious award in his first two seasons.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Georgia Institute of Technology Football Head Coach  
22 Paul Johnson on his exceptional accomplishments and achievements, congratulate him on  
23 his back-to-back Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year awards, and invite him to be

24 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the  
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Institute of  
28 Technology Football Head Coach Paul Johnson.