

Senate Resolution 817

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Grant of the 25th and Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2009 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets football team; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2009 Georgia Institute of Technology football team completed an incredible
4 season and captured the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship outright for the first time
5 since 1990; and

6 WHEREAS, with an 11-2 record, the Yellow Jackets completed the regular season ranked
7 in the top 10 nationally; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech football team earned an invitation to the 2010 FedEx Orange
9 Bowl, which was their 13th consecutive bowl berth, first major bowl game since 1967, and
10 first ever BCS appearance; and

11 WHEREAS, the Yellow Jackets' dedicated head coach, Paul Johnson, was named the ACC
12 Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season and junior defensive end Derrick
13 Morgan was named ACC Defensive Player of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, Derrick Morgan was also named a first team All-American and six of his
15 teammates were named first team All-ACC; and

16 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
17 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
18 member of the team; and

19 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
20 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
21 abundantly proper that they be appropriately recognized as champions.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 congratulate the 2009 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets football team on their excellent 2009
24 season and extend their sincere best wishes for future success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Paul Johnson.