

House Resolution 358

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, and Black of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Valdosta State University football team; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University football team has been named the Gulf South
4 Conference's Team of the Decade for the years 2000 to 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, earning 89 percent of the Team of the Decade votes, Valdosta State clearly
6 deserved the prestigious title after finishing among the top three teams in the conference in
7 each of the decade's ten seasons; and

8 WHEREAS, the Blazers won conference championships in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Valdosta State was also home to the Gulf South Conference Offensive Player
10 of the Decade, former quarterback Dusty Bonner, who won the Harlon Hill Trophy as
11 Division II's top player twice; and

12 WHEREAS, the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Decade went to former coach Chris
13 Hatcher, who led the Blazers to four conference championships and a national title in 2004;
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15 WHEREAS, the Blazers placed ten players on the Gulf South Conference All-Decade Team;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, current Head Coach David Dean is proud of this amazing recognition for both
18 current and former players; and

19 WHEREAS, the Blazers who have taken the field over the past decade have brought great
20 pride to their families, friends, classmates, and the university; and

21 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
22 performing with courage and precision over the past ten years, it is abundantly proper to call
23 them champions of the decade.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate Valdosta State University's football team on being
26 named the Gulf South Conference's Team of the Decade.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Head Coach David Dean.