

Senate Resolution 1174

By: Senators Chance of the 16th and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Ron Hunter; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coach Ron Hunter was hired as the Georgia State University men's basketball
3 head coach on March 21, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, in his first season at Georgia State, Coach Hunter has led the Panthers to a
5 record of 22-12, the second best in school history; and

6 WHEREAS, the Panthers have earned the fourth postseason berth in GSU history with an
7 invitation to the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT) and a first-round home
8 game; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Hunter's squad, a group of exceptional young men, set a Georgia State
10 record by winning 11 consecutive games from November 18, 2011, through January 4, 2012,
11 and compiled an 11-7 Colonial Athletic Association conference record and a sixth place
12 finish in the highly competitive league; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Hunter directed one of the nation's top defensive teams in 2011-2012,
14 with the Panthers ranking in the Top 25 in the NCAA in scoring defense, field goal
15 percentage defense, blocked shots, and steals; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout his coaching career, Coach Hunter has emphasized and exemplified
17 a commitment to not only his local community but also the global community; and

18 WHEREAS, he has raised awareness and funds for the charitable organization Samaritan's
19 Feet in the "Barefoot for Bare Feet" game versus UNCW on January 12, 2012, and later
20 when his players distributed shoes to 200 local children in need; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Hunter and his team have generated an excitement at the GSU Sports
22 Arena that has resulted in an increase in average home attendance by more than 50 percent;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 GSU basketball players have received recognition for excellence
25 in athletics and academics, including senior forwards Eric Buckner and Jihad Ali to the
26 All-Colonial Athletic Association third team, Eric Buckner to the CAA All-Defensive team,
27 Jihad Ali and James Fields to the All-Academic Team, and Jihad Ali earned the CAA's top
28 honor, the Dean Ehlers Leadership Award; and

29 WHEREAS, Coach Hunter has found a great home at Georgia State University with his
30 family joining him later this year as residents of this great state, and it is abundantly fitting
31 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be
32 appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Coach Ron Hunter and the Georgia State University men's basketball team on its
35 success on the court, in the classroom, and in the community during the 2011-2012 season.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Ron Hunter.