

Senate Resolution 104

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

#### 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, Coach of the Decade went to former coach Chris Hatcher, who led the Blazers  
13 to four conference championships and a national title in 2004; and

14 WHEREAS, the Blazers placed ten players on the Gulf South Conference All-Decade Team;  
15 and

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

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

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize and commend Valdosta State University's football team on being named the Gulf  
25 South Conference's Team of the Decade.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Head Coach David Dean.