

House Resolution 117

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Black of the 174th, Shaw of the 176th, Sharper of the 177th, Strickland of the 111th, and others

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Valdosta State University's football team
25 on being named the Gulf South Conference's Team of the Decade.

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 Head Coach David Dean.