

## Senate Resolution 509

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Hill of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd and Loudermilk of the 14th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Kennesaw State University and commending KSU on the commencement of  
2 its football program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in December 2009, Kennesaw State University (KSU) organized a 33 person  
4 football exploratory committee, headed by former University of Georgia coach and athletic  
5 director Vince Dooley, which after extensive research, community and campus input, much  
6 deliberation, and a student body vote, recommended starting a football program; and

7 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted in February  
8 2013 to approve the university's request to add football to its 17 sport NCAA Division I  
9 intercollegiate athletics program; the addition of football at KSU will increase positive  
10 national recognition of the university and strengthen the sense of pride and connection  
11 among and between students, alumni, and the community at large; and

12 WHEREAS, through a recently announced multimillion dollar, multiyear sponsorship  
13 agreement, KSU Stadium has been named Fifth Third Bank Stadium; the 8,300 seat stadium,  
14 with the capacity to accommodate 9,500 people, including standing room patrons, currently  
15 hosts the Owls' women's soccer and lacrosse teams and will be the venue for the football  
16 team's inaugural season, expected to begin in 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, KSU, which has a rare "A" rating by the American Council of Trustees and  
18 Alumni, is the third-largest university in the University System of Georgia with an  
19 enrollment of more than 24,600, 130 countries represented in the student body, 1,389 faculty  
20 members, and 1,311 staff members; KSU is a comprehensive residential university that offers  
21 51 bachelor's, 28 master's, and ten doctoral degree programs in nine colleges; and

22 WHEREAS, KSU graduates more nurses and teachers each year than any university in  
23 Georgia and has an economic impact in northwest Georgia of nearly \$900 million; and

24 WHEREAS, in February of 2013, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and  
25 CIFAL Atlanta signed a memorandum of understanding with Kennesaw State University to  
26 jointly provide training programs for leaders from around the world; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
28 Georgia university be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize Kennesaw State University and its longstanding history of providing high quality  
31 educational opportunities to Georgia students and commend KSU on the commencement of  
32 its football program.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Dan Papp, Arlethia  
35 Perry-Johnson, Vaughn Williams, and Nathan Humphrey.