

House Resolution 703

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Carson of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Kennesaw State University, commending Kennesaw State on the
2 commencement of its football program, and inviting President Dan Papp, Arlethia
3 Perry-Johnson, Vaughn Williams, and Nathan Humphrey to appear before the House of
4 Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, KSU, which has a rare "A" rating by the American Council of Trustees and
20 Alumni, is the third-largest university in the University System of Georgia with an
21 enrollment of more than 24,600, 130 countries represented in the student body, 1,389 faculty
22 members, and 1,311 staff members; KSU is a comprehensive residential university that offers
23 51 bachelor's, 28 master's, and ten doctoral degree programs in nine colleges; and

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

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

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize Kennesaw State University and its longstanding history
33 of providing high quality educational opportunities to Georgia students, commend KSU on
34 the commencement of its football program, and invite President Dan Papp, Arlethia
35 Perry-Johnson, Vaughn Williams, and Nathan Humphrey to appear before the House of
36 Representatives on a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Dan Papp,
39 Arlethia Perry-Johnson, Vaughn Williams, and Nathan Humphrey.