

House Resolution 874

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, Martin of the 49th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the University of Georgia women's swimming and diving
2 team and Coach Jack Bauerle; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and unwavering determination, on March 23, 2013, the
4 University of Georgia women's swimming and diving team claimed the team title at the
5 NCAA Championships; and

6 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
7 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
8 member of the team and the leadership of National Coach of the Year Jack Bauerle; and

9 WHEREAS, the title is the 5th in the program's history and 39th in Georgia history for all
10 sports; Georgia won in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2005, giving teams coached by Bauerle titles
11 in three different decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Bauerle, who has been the women's coach since 1979 and the men's coach since
13 1983, was also the U.S. women's head coach in the 2008 Olympics, where the team won 14
14 medals, the most of any nation; and

15 WHEREAS, this year, Bauerle was chosen as the National Coach of the Year for the 6th
16 time, having earned previous honors in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2005, and 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the NCAA Championship title, Georgia won the 400
18 yard freestyle relay and broke the NCAA and U.S. Open records; and

19 WHEREAS, the team of Shannon Vreeland, Chantal Van Landeghem, Allison Schmitt, and
20 Megan Romano stopped the clock at 3:09.40; and

21 WHEREAS, Megan Romano claimed 2nd in the 100 yard freestyle, Allison Schmitt came
22 in 5th, followed by Shannon Vreeland in 7th, and Chantal Van Landeghem in 9th; and

23 WHEREAS, Lauren Harrington came in 2nd in the 200 yard butterfly and Hali Flickinger
24 followed in 13th; in the 1,650 yard freestyle, Amber McDermott came in 4th, while Brittany
25 MacLean finished 7th; in the 200 yard breaststroke, Annie Zhu placed 4th, while Melanie
26 Margalis took 11th; in platform diving, Laura Ryan came in 5th, and in the 200 yard
27 backstroke, Kelsey Gaid placed 15th; and

28 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
29 performing with precision and dedication over months of training and competition, it is
30 abundantly proper to call them champions.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend the University of Georgia women's
33 swimming and diving team and Coach Jack Bauerle for earning the team title at the NCAA
34 Championships.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the University of Georgia
37 women's swimming and diving team.