

House Resolution 1767

By: Representatives Peake of the 141st, Dickey of the 140th, Epps of the 144th, Beverly of the 143rd, Randall of the 142nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mercer University's football team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in its first season, Mercer University's football team posted a 10-2 record in
3 2013, setting the NCAA's all-time record for wins by a first-year program; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the team finished the season 8-0 at home and was joined by Sam Houston State
5 University and Auburn University as the only other teams in the country with a perfect 8-0
6 home record; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Head Coach Bobby Lamb was named as a finalist for the Eddie Robinson
8 Award as the top Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) coach in the country; and
- 9 WHEREAS, quarterback John Russ was also named as a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award
10 as the top FCS freshman in the country; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the team finished the season ranked number one in the country at the FCS level
12 in red zone offense and number two in rushing offense; and
- 13 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
14 performing with precision and dedication over months of training and competition, it is
15 abundantly proper to recognize its accomplishments.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body recognize and commend Mercer University's football team for its
18 outstanding first season and express to the team their most sincere best wishes for continued
19 success.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mercer University's football
22 team.