House Resolution 1834
By: Representatives Ramsey of the 72nd, Jones of the 47th, Kelley of the 16th, Maxwell of the 17th, Mosby of the 83rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia State University's men's basketball team on winning the NCAA Division I Sun Belt Championship; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Panthers are ranked number one in the Sun Belt Conference, their first year playing in the conference, and have achieved that recognition through dedication, perseverance, and teamwork; and

3 WHEREAS, the Panthers were named Sun Belt Champions with a 24-7 record in the regular season, winning the last 21 of 22 games before entering the conference tournament; and

4 WHEREAS, the Panthers went undefeated at home in regular season by exhibiting a "never give up, find a way to win" determination; and

5 WHEREAS, the Sun Belt Championship team includes seniors Manny Atkins, Denny Burguillos, Devonta White, and Rashaad Richardson, along with teammates Ryan Harrow, Curtis Washington, R.J. Hunter, Ryann Green, Kevin Shaw, LaRon Smith, T.J. Shipes, Marcus Crider, Isaiah Dennis, Jaylen Hinton, and Darius Sharpe; and

6 WHEREAS, the performance of the team is the result of the outstanding athletic ability, hard work, unity of purpose, and competitive spirit of each and every member of the team and coaching staff; and

7 WHEREAS, Head Coach Ron Hunter was named Sun Belt Coach of the Year and shares this award with his valuable team of coaches, including Darryl LaBarrie, Everick Sullivan, Claude Pardue, Junard Hartley, Jeff Diepenbrock, Nate Summers, and athletic trainer Dinika Johnson; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia State University sophomore R.J. Hunter earned Sun Belt Player of the Year and first-team all-conference honors; and

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WHEREAS, Ryan Harrow earned first-team recognition, Manny Atkins garnered second-team recognition, and Devonta White was named to the third team; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers proceed to the Sun Belt Tournament in New Orleans ranked as the number one seed to continue their quest for a tournament championship and to secure an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body commend Georgia State University men's basketball team for a successful season and look forward to their successful journey towards the Final Four.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia State University and Athletics Director Cheryl Levick.