

## Senate Resolution 1239

By: Senators Chance of the 16th and Shafer of the 48th

## A RESOLUTION

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

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

6 WHEREAS, the Panthers were named Sun Belt Champions with a 24-7 record in the regular  
7 season, winning the last 21 of 22; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the entire Panther Nation is proud of this very special team of young men who  
26 represent all that is great about Georgia State University.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend Georgia State University men's basketball team for a successful season and  
29 conference championship.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia State University and Athletics  
32 Director Cheryl Levick.