

House Resolution 1406

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Ralston of the 7th, Rhodes of the 120th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Kirby Smart upon his selection as head coach of the
2 University of Georgia football team; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Coach Kirby Smart hails from Bainbridge and was a four-year letterman at the
4 defensive back position for UGA, a four-time member of the Southeastern Conference
5 Academic Honor Roll, and a first team all-SEC pick as a senior; and

6 WHEREAS, he earned his undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Georgia
7 in 1998 and his master's degree from Florida State University in 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Smart began his coaching career at UGA in 1999 and has since coached
9 at Valdosta State University, Florida State University, and Louisiana State University, in
10 addition to a stint with the Miami Dolphins; and

11 WHEREAS, he was the running backs coach on UGA's 2005 SEC Championship team, a
12 team that averaged 162.2 rushing yards per game; and

13 WHEREAS, he has served on the University of Alabama football staff for the past nine
14 years, the last seven of which he was the defensive coordinator; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Alabama, the Crimson Tide won three BCS National
16 Championships, one College Football Playoff national title, three SEC crowns, six SEC
17 western division titles, and was ranked in the nation's final top ten rankings in each of the last
18 eight years; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Smart was recognized as the 2012 AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year
20 and the 2009 Broyles Award winner as college football's top assistant coach; and

21 WHEREAS, he has been welcomed back to his home state and to the Bulldog Nation with
22 great enthusiasm and support; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Coach Kirby Smart be recognized and
24 commended by this body.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Coach Kirby Smart upon his selection as
27 head coach of the University of Georgia football team.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Coach Kirby Smart.