

## House Resolution 95

By: Representatives LaHood of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, and Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Valdosta State University Blazers football team for their  
2 2018 Division II National Championship victory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Blazers are Valdosta State University's nationally recognized football team,  
4 and during the 2018 season these amazing young male athletes recorded the first 14-0  
5 undefeated season in school history; and

6 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2018, for the fourth time in school history, the Valdosta State  
7 University football team, the Blazers, won the Division II National Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the team was tested along the way, but these players put in the time and energy  
9 needed to win; through hard work and determination, the team led the nation in scoring on  
10 their way to winning their seventh Gulf South Conference Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University Blazers football team has been previously  
12 recognized as the Gulf South Conference's team of the decade, along with several former  
13 players and coaches; and

14 WHEREAS, with their 2018 Division II National Championship victory, the Valdosta State  
15 University Blazers now boast an impressive four NCAA Division II national championships  
16 in football and eight overall in athletics; and

17 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University Head Coach Kerwin Bell was named Gulf South  
18 Conference Coach of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, this magnificent team performed with precision throughout the season and has  
20 earned its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, quality of  
21 play, and superior sportsmanship; and

22 WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University Blazers football team brought great fame and  
23 honor to their team, parents, and school and to the State of Georgia by winning the title of  
24 2018 Division II National Football Champions.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize and commend the Valdosta State University Blazers  
27 football team for their achievements and victories both on the field and in the classroom and  
28 extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 Valdosta State University Blazers football team.