

Senate Resolution 95

By: Senators Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th and Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Valdosta State University Blazers football team for its
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 athletes recorded the first 14-0 undefeated season
5 in school history; and

6 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2018, for the fourth time in school history, the Valdosta State
7 University Blazers won the Division II National Championship and secured its position as
8 the top college football team in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, through sheer force of will, strength of character, and extreme mental
10 toughness, the Blazers managed to overcome the many tremendous obstacles faced along its
11 path to winning its seventh Gulf South Conference Championship; and

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

15 WHEREAS, with its 2018 national championship, the Valdosta State University Blazers now
16 boast four NCAA Division II national championships in football and eight overall athletic
17 championships; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University Blazers football team brought great fame and
24 honor to their team, parents, and school and to the State of Georgia by winning the title of
25 2018 Division II National Football Champions.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the Valdosta State University Blazers football team for winning the 2018 Division
28 II National Championship; commend them on their victories both on and off the field; and
29 extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

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