

Senate Resolution 616

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Tony Barnhart on his outstanding service as a college football
2 reporter and analyst; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Tony Barnhart has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the industry of
5 sports broadcasting; and

6 WHEREAS, Tony spent 25 years with *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as its national
7 college football writer and eight seasons with CBS Sports before joining the SEC Network
8 in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, he was president of the Football Writers Association of America and the United
10 States Basketball Writers Association; and

11 WHEREAS, he has received the Bert McGrane Award from the Football Writers Association
12 of America, recognizing his lifetime contribution to the sport, which is displayed at the
13 College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2016, this distinguished gentleman was named to the Grady Fellowship, one
15 of the highest honors bestowed by the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism at the
16 University of Georgia, his alma mater; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2017, Tony received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Broadcasting
18 and Cable from the DiGamma Kappa broadcast society at the University of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Tony's significant organizational and leadership talents, keen sense of vision,
20 and superb broadcasting skills have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues
21 and associates; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Tony Barnhart for his commitment to sports broadcasting and
26 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Tony Barnhart.