

House Resolution 1645

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Burchett of the 176th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Tom Kleinlein on his outstanding service as Georgia Southern
2 University's Director of Athletics; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Tom Kleinlein has long been recognized by the members of the Georgia
4 Southern University community for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his
5 deep personal commitment to the Department of Athletics of the university; and

6 WHEREAS, during his eight years at Georgia Southern University, he has led the
7 Department of Athletics to success on the field and in the classroom while remaining focused
8 on the areas of student-athlete experience, facilities, fan engagement, and fundraising.

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he stewarded the football program's move to FBS, oversaw
10 the department's transition to the Sun Belt Conference, and enhanced the facilities of the
11 Department of Athletics, which included a major stadium expansion and construction of a
12 state-of-the-art football operation center; and

13 WHEREAS, through his leadership, the Athletic Foundation has consistently increased and
14 met its annual fundraising goal; he has worked tirelessly to nearly double the annual
15 operating budget of the Department of Athletics; and he has negotiated high-profile
16 sponsorships and giving programs to support student-athlete scholarship endowments; and

17 WHEREAS, Tom's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
18 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the university community
19 have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, associates, and
20 student-athletes; and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, Tom Kleinlein has served with honor and distinction in the Department of
24 Athletics of Georgia Southern University, and his vision and unyielding commitment to the
25 student-athlete experience and will be sorely missed upon his departure; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Tom Kleinlein for his efficient, effective,
30 unselfish, and dedicated public service to Georgia Southern University, and extend the most
31 sincere best wishes for his continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Tom
34 Kleinlein.