

House Resolution 134

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Ralston of the 7th, Martin of the 49th, Wiedower of the 119th, England of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Greg McGarity for a decade of outstanding leadership as the J. Reid Parker
2 director of athletics at the University of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Greg McGarity, an Athens native, began associations with the University of
4 Georgia (UGA) since working as a helper for the late great tennis coach Dan Magill at the
5 age of ten; and

6 WHEREAS, McGarity attended UGA and became a letterman on the 1973 Bulldog tennis
7 team; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a student assistant at UGA from 1973 to 1977 before holding the
9 positions of assistant sports information director, head coach of the women's tennis program,
10 and assistant athletic director for facilities and event management; and

11 WHEREAS, Greg then moved to assume the position of executive senior associate athletic
12 director at the University of Florida in 1992; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2010, he returned to UGA as the athletic director, affording Bulldog Nation
14 a decade of outstanding achievements; and

15 WHEREAS, after returning, Greg expanded the visibility and operations of UGA's 21 sport
16 athletic program by growing fundraising to unmatched heights with a record \$64 million in
17 gifts and pledges to the Georgia Bulldog Club for athletics in the 2019 Fiscal Year and
18 overseeing the Athletic Association annual budget increase from \$89 million in 2010 to \$153
19 million in 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, Greg grew the scholarship endowment to over \$40 million; directed over \$200
21 million in facility construction, expansion, and renovations; and launched the Magill Society,
22 which has contributed over \$153 million from 1,255 donors in support of athletic facility
23 projects; and

24 WHEREAS, such leadership oversaw the national championships of women's indoor tennis
25 (2019), women's indoor track and field (2018), men's outdoor track and field (2018),
26 women's swimming and diving (2013, 2014, 2016), and equestrian (2014); and

27 WHEREAS, Greg oversaw the football program win the 2017 SEC Championship and the
28 2018 Rose Bowl, compete in the 2018 College Football Playoff national title game following
29 the 2017 season, and win five SEC eastern division titles (2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019);
30 and

31 WHEREAS, he has been a standard bearer for academic achievement, and since his arrival,
32 Georgia student athletes have been the recipients of 18 NCAA Post Graduate scholarships,
33 30 CoSIDA Academic All-American awards, three NCAA Top Ten honors, three SEC Boyd
34 McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards, two SEC Brad Davis Community
35 Service awards, and one SEC Sportsmanship Award.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize Greg McGarity for his decade of outstanding leadership
38 and service as the athletic director of the University of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Greg
41 McGarity.