

Senate Resolution 98

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Mallow of the 2nd, Kemp of the 38th, Parent of the 44th,
Wicks of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Paine College women's golf team; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, from 2023 to 2024, the Paine College women's golf team has earned multiple
3 national-level tournament victories, including the Division II Women in Golf National
4 Championship, the Stitch Invitational, the Johnson and Wales Match, the Snead State
5 Invitational, and the Paine College Fall Dual Invitational Match; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the team demonstrated exceptional resilience during the NCCAA
7 Championship, tying for second place and ultimately securing a third-place finish after a
8 scorecard playoff, while team members Ashley Michel and Helena Rios earned
9 All-American honors—the first-ever female All-Americans in Paine College golf history;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, this outstanding performance exemplifies the visionary and transformative
12 leadership of Head Coach Andre Lacey II, an Augusta native, proud Paine College alumnus,
13 and the only Black PGA Professional in Augusta since 2016; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his commitment to service, player development, and community outreach has
15 garnered recognition from respected institutions such as the Lucy C. Laney Museum of Black

16 History, where his memorabilia was featured to honor the legacy of Black caddies and
17 professionals in Augusta's golf history; and

18 WHEREAS, the team's performance has elevated the standing of HBCUs in collegiate golf,
19 broadened the sport's representation, and inspired young athletes by illustrating the
20 opportunities that golf can offer in athletics, education, and future careers; and

21 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team has earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence
22 by performing with courage and precision, it is abundantly proper to call them champions.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the Paine College women's golf team upon its many outstanding victories as well
25 as extend sincere best wishes for future success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Paine College
28 women's golf team.