

House Resolution 410

By: Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, Hong of the 103rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Mercer Bears football team for their exceptional 2024 season, their
2 Southern Conference championship, and their contributions to athletic excellence and school
3 pride; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Mercer Bears football team concluded their 2024 season with an impressive
5 overall record of 11–3, finishing as champions of the Southern Conference (SoCon) with a
6 7–1 conference record; and

7 WHEREAS, under the leadership of first-year Head Coach Mike Jacobs, the Bears
8 demonstrated remarkable teamwork, determination, and skill, advancing to the NCAA
9 Division I FCS playoffs and competing valiantly in the quarterfinals; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bears achieved an undefeated 7–0 record at home, reflecting their
11 dominance at Five Star Stadium and their commitment to excellence in front of their fans;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, several members of the Mercer Bears football team were recognized for their
14 outstanding performances, including TJ Moore, who was named a unanimous All-American
15 by the FCS Athletic Directors Association; Brayden Manley, who was named to the second

16 team of the Stats Perform FCS All-America team; Myles Redding, who was named to the
17 second team of the Stats Perform FCS All-America team; and Brayden Smith, who was
18 named to the third team of the Stats Perform FCS All-America team; and

19 WHEREAS, the success of the Mercer Bears football program brings pride to Mercer
20 University, including its students, faculty, and alumni, as well as the greater Macon-Bibb
21 community, highlighting the values of discipline, sportsmanship, and perseverance.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the Mercer Bears football team for their exceptional
24 2024 season, their Southern Conference championship, and their inspiring contributions to
25 the community and collegiate athletics.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize Coach Mike Jacobs
27 for his leadership in his first year as head coach, the players for their dedication and hard
28 work, and Mercer University for its ongoing commitment to athletic and academic
29 excellence.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Coach
32 Mike Jacobs, the Mercer Bears football team, and Mercer University.