

RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE CONGRATULATING THE
WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING TEAMS FOR THEIR
ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the women's and men's swimming and diving teams have been widely praised for having won a total of ten NCAA championships since 1996, including four championships in a row (2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006) won by the men's team and three out of four (2003, 2004, and 2006) won by the women's team; and

WHEREAS, the a total of 13 representatives from the Auburn women's and men's swimming and diving teams competed in the 2004 Olympics, winning two gold, one silver, and one bronze medals; and

WHEREAS, while achieving this high level of athletic achievement both the women's and the men's swimming and diving teams again this year were recognized by the College Swim Coaches Association of America as Academic All-American teams based on academic performance, marking the 13th time for the men and the 11th time for the women that this award has been received since 1990; and

WHEREAS, 15 members of the women's and men's swimming and diving teams were recognized as Academic All-Americans for having GPAs of 3.5 or better and for having qualified to compete in the NCAA national championships, and

WHEREAS, 26 members of the women's and men's swimming and diving teams were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll for having GPAs of 3.5 or better while actively competing; and

WHEREAS, five members of the women's and two members of the men's swimming and diving teams earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages during Fall 2005; now

THEREFORE, the University Senate congratulates the women's and men's swimming and diving teams for their outstanding achievements in the pool and the classroom; and

FURTHER, the University Senate commends head coach David Marsh (Auburn 1981), co-head coach Dorsey Tierney-Walker, head diving coach Jeff Schaffer and the rest of the coaching staff, as well as the academic counselors within the Athletics Department, for consistently placing emphasis on academic excellence among student athletes. ???

