

## GEORGIA BULLDOG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

- WHEREAS: In the fall of 2002 the University of Georgia football program conducted what is destined to live in the memories of all true Georgia Bulldog fans as one of the most thrilling and successful seasons of all time; and
- WHEREAS: When the dust settled, the Bulldogs had tallied a school record of 13 wins against formidable foes to claim a #3 final national ranking, the highest finish for the team since 1990; and
- WHEREAS: Sweeter still to loyal fans was the team's first taste of Sugar Bowl success in 20 years, garnished with a 20-13 televised trouncing of the Florida State University Seminoles on New Year's Day, 2003, in the New Orleans Superdome; and
- WHEREAS: The Dawgs conquered their conference convincingly, clenching the Southeastern Conference championship for the first time in 20 years after a 30-3 gorging on barbecued Arkansas Razorback in the Georgia Dome on December 7, 2002; and
- WHEREAS: The titanic 2002 team produced the SEC Player of the Year, SEC Offensive Player of the Year, SEC Scoring Champion, 14 team records, 17 individual player records, three first team All-Americans, and seven first team All-SEC players while leading the SEC in quarterback sacks, both scoring offense and scoring defense per game and other statistics—to list but a few of the team's tremendous achievements; and
- WHEREAS: Today Lead Dawg and Head Coach Mark Richt—named SEC Coach of the Year for his masterminding of this impressive team—and Athletic Director and Head Coach Emeritus Vince Dooley are honored visitors to the State Capitol; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2003, as GEORGIA BULLDOG DAY AT THE CAPITOL and do commend and thank Coach Richt, Coach Dooley, and the entire Georgia Bulldog team for their accomplishments.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.