

Senate Resolution 926

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to recognize the substantial  
2 gift from the estate of Deborah Green Jackson to Georgia Southwestern College in 1948 and  
3 to affix an appropriate plaque at Jackson Hall on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State  
4 University; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Deborah Green Jackson was an exemplary citizen and a most generous  
6 Georgian who was a daughter of Honorable and Mrs. William Green one of Lee County's  
7 earliest families and prominent land owners; and

8 WHEREAS, she was born on April 29, 1854, married Phillip A. Jackson, and spent a lifetime  
9 of service to her community and to the First Baptist Church of Americus; and

10 WHEREAS, she died on January 20, 1948, and her will directed that the residual value of  
11 her estate be given to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to establish  
12 a loan fund to assist students in financial need to attend Georgia Southwestern College; and

13 WHEREAS, the very generous gift of Deborah Green Jackson has benefited countless young  
14 students, enabling them to pursue a quality education at this fine academic institution; and

15 WHEREAS, it is estimated that this generous gift to the college has a current market value  
16 of approximately \$4 million which clearly translates the substantial nature of the gift; and

17 WHEREAS, the amended General Appropriations Act for State Fiscal Year 2001-2002  
18 includes \$2.7 million to renovate Jackson Hall named for this generous lady and it is most  
19 fitting and appropriate that a plaque be affixed to Jackson Hall noting her life and bearing the  
20 noble message inscribed on her gravestone: "The history of this modest Christian may be  
21 read in the grateful eyes of the thousands she has striven to help educate."

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 urge the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to recognize the substantial  
3 gift from the estate of Deborah Green Jackson to Georgia Southwestern College in 1948 and  
4 to affix an appropriate plaque on the renovated Jackson Hall bearing the history of the gift.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chairperson of the Board of Regents  
7 of the University System of Georgia, the President of Georgia Southwestern State University,  
8 and the Chairperson of the Georgia Southwestern Foundation.