

Senate Resolution 317

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Albany State University; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Albany State University was originally established as the Albany Bible and
3 Manual Training Institute in 1903 by Dr. Joseph Winthrop Holley, with a mission to provide
4 religious and manual training for the African American youths of Southwest Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Institution became a state supported two-year college with a Board of
6 Trustees and its name was changed to Georgia Normal and Agricultural College, with a
7 primary purpose of training of elementary teachers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1932 the Board of Regents was established and the institution became a part
9 of the newly established University System of Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the College was granted four-year status, its mission was expanded, and its
11 name was changed to Albany State College in 1943; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Albany State College was granted university status in July 1996 and became
13 known as Albany State University; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the university has been guided over the past century by the stellar leadership
15 of presidents Joseph Winthrop Holley, DD., LL.D. (1903-1943); Aaron Brown, Ph.D,
16 LL.D., Ed.D. (1943-1954); William H. Dennis, LL.D. (1954-1965); Thomas Miller Jenkins,
17 J.D., LL.D. (1965-1969); Charles L. Hayes, Ed.D. (1969-1980); Billy C. Black, Ph.D.
18 (1981-1986); and Portia Holmes Shields, Ph.D. (1996-Present); and
- 19 WHEREAS, Albany State University's tradition of excellence has been the result of
20 dedicated service by the faculty, staff, students, and community; and

1 WHEREAS, Albany State University is a progressive institution and seeks to foster the
2 growth and development of the region, state, and nation through teaching, research, creative
3 expression, and public service; and

4 WHEREAS, Albany State University embraces the concept of "students first" as a core
5 institutional value, fosters global learning, employs a work based paradigm, and is committed
6 to "education on a personal level" with special emphasis on the underserved while continuing
7 to serve the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population; and

8 WHEREAS, Albany State University celebrates throughout 2003 the centennial theme "A
9 Glorious Century to Cherish, An Infinite Future to Fulfill."

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 recognize and commend Albany State University for its unwavering commitment to
12 graduating empowered leaders, building better communities, and making the difference.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Albany State University.