

House Resolution 343

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Willard of the 49th, Ralston of the 7th, Richardson of the 19th, Porter of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Dean Janice C. Griffith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dean Janice C. Griffith served with distinction throughout her tenure as Dean
3 of the Georgia State University College of Law; and her vision, leadership, and dedication
4 enabled the law school to emerge as a leader in innovative legal education; and
- 5 WHEREAS, her vision of the College of Law as a community of scholars who reach out to
6 the community to solve pressing problems led to many successful collaborative partnerships,
7 including the Electronic Court Filing Project, the creation of the State Law, Legislation, and
8 Policy Center to assist Georgia General Assembly committees by providing student legal
9 research, and the Conflict Resolution in Schools Program; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she strengthened the academic program by encouraging interdisciplinary
11 collaboration, leading to several new joint degree programs, and by greatly expanding its
12 curriculum, including a study abroad program in International Commercial Arbitration; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she greatly increased private support, resulting in the addition of 7,500 square
14 feet to the Law Library and 2,600 square feet of classroom space and the upgrading of the
15 College's classrooms and courtroom with state-of-the-art technology; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she provided notable public and professional service throughout her deanship,
17 including service as chair of the American Bar Association's Section of State and Local
18 Government Law and chair of the Planning Committee for the Association of American Law
19 School's Workshop for New Law Teachers.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize the outstanding achievements of Dean Janice C.
22 Griffith's service as Dean of the Georgia State University College of Law and express their
23 appreciation for her continued academic service.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dean Janice C. Griffith and
- 3 Dr. Carl V. Patton, president of Georgia State University.