

## Senate Resolution 541

By: Senators Thomas of the 2nd, Johnson of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Fort of the 39th and Thomas of the 54th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Savannah College of Art and Design for providing 25 years of excellence  
2 in higher education and opening their new Atlanta Campus and recognizing Friday, April 22,  
3 2005, as Savannah College of Art and Design Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1979, the Savannah College of Art and Design began classes with 71 students  
5 and 36,000 square feet of university-owned space; and

6 WHEREAS, the College has now grown to an enrollment of 7,000 students from all 50 states  
7 and from 80 nations from around the world with 374 faculty members and 866 staff  
8 employees; and

9 WHEREAS, the College has demonstrated exemplary dedication to its motto, "to prepare  
10 talented students for careers in the visual and performing arts, design, the building arts, and  
11 the history of art and architecture"; and

12 WHEREAS, the College has been responsible for the rehabilitation of nearly two million  
13 square feet of building space in the downtown Savannah area, resulting in numerous historic  
14 preservation awards; and

15 WHEREAS, a recent report commissioned by the Georgia Foundation for Independent  
16 Colleges found that the College's institutional and student expenditures created 4,811 jobs  
17 and \$256 million of total economic impact; and

18 WHEREAS, the College is internationally recognized and established a campus in Lacoste,  
19 France, in 2002; and

20 WHEREAS, co-founder Paula Wallace remains president of the College and, in that role, has  
21 won numerous professional and personal awards.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in commending the students, parents, faculty, administration, staff, and alumni of the  
3 Savannah College of Art and Design upon their 25th anniversary, congratulate them on the  
4 success of their Lacoste, France, campus and on the opening of their new Atlanta campus,  
5 and extend their sincere best wishes for the College's continued success.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes April 22, 2005, as Savannah  
7 College of Art and Design Day at the state capitol.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the president of the Savannah College of  
10 Art and Design, the Mayor of Savannah, and the Mayor of Atlanta.