

House Resolution 1515

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Hembree of the 67th, and Burkhalter of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carl V. Patton upon the occasion of his retirement from
2 Georgia State University and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Carl V. Patton has served as president of Georgia State University for 16 years,
5 and during his tenure Georgia State has transformed from what was considered a commuter
6 school into a vibrant research university which is home to more than 27,000 students
7 representing every county in the state, every state in the nation, and more than 169 countries;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Georgia State launched a university-wide academic
10 strategic planning effort, complemented by a \$500 million Main Street Master Plan that
11 produced 12 new or renovated campus facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2006, President Patton announced the \$1 billion updated master plan that will
13 bring to the campus more student housing, a university science park, a professional education
14 center for law and business, and a new humanities building; and

15 WHEREAS, with each new freshman class, Georgia State University continues to see its best
16 and brightest students who post the highest grade point averages in the university's history;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's research dollars have more than tripled during Dr.
19 Patton's presidency; and

20 WHEREAS, President Patton has fostered a "spirit of innovation" creating a university with
21 limitless potential as a source for individual development and the improvement of society;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, his focus on recruitment of world-class faculty, strengthened academic
2 programs, and improved campus infrastructure continues to increase recognition for Georgia
3 State University through national rankings, peer journals, and media reports; and

4 WHEREAS, President Patton has strived to make Georgia State University a part of the city
5 of Atlanta, not apart from it, yet keeping the university campus feel; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been honored with the "Visionary Award" from the Atlanta Business
7 Chronicle, was inducted into *Georgia Trend* magazine's 100 Most Influential Georgians Hall
8 of Fame, and received the Dan Sweat Award from Central Atlanta Progress; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Patton has served as a role model for others by his service to community
10 boards, the Georgia Aquarium, Grady Hospital, and other organizations focused on public
11 service.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body recognize President Carl V. Patton on the occasion of his
14 retirement, commend him for his exemplary service to Georgia State University, his
15 community, and this state, extend their most sincere wishes for health and happiness in the
16 future, and invite him to appear before this body at a date and time designated by the Speaker
17 of the House for the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate
18 copy of this resolution.