

## Senate Resolution 1220

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Grant of the 25th, Harp of the 29th, Johnson of the 1st, Hudgens of the 47th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. G. Wayne Clough; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. G. Wayne Clough has long been recognized by the citizens of the State of  
3 Georgia for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment  
4 to the welfare of the citizens of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by his superlative service during the past 14 years as president of the Georgia  
8 Institute of Technology and during his tenure Georgia Tech was transformed into one of the  
9 top ten public research universities in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Georgia Tech increased its enrollment from 12,900 to  
11 18,742 and emerged as the nation's leader in graduating engineers, including African  
12 American and female engineers; and

13 WHEREAS, he became a national leader in reshaping engineering education and enhanced  
14 the educational experience at Georgia Tech, resulting in more than 40 percent of  
15 undergraduates engaging in structured research, a third of undergraduates studying abroad,  
16 and a significantly higher graduation rate; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure, research expenditures at Georgia Tech have increased from  
18 \$212 million to \$473 million, making the university second highest in the nation in  
19 engineering research funding; and

20 WHEREAS, he pioneered a unique partnership between Georgia Tech and Emory University  
21 to educate students, conduct research, and spin off new companies in biomedical  
22 engineering, driving Atlanta's emergence as a center for biotechnology; and

1 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Georgia Tech's annual economic impact on the State of  
2 Georgia grew to \$4 billion, and more than 100 new companies emerged from Georgia Tech's  
3 research labs; and

4 WHEREAS, he engineered more than \$1 billion in new construction at Georgia Tech, more  
5 than doubling facility space to over 14 million gross square feet, rehabilitating dilapidated  
6 areas adjacent to campus, refocusing the operation of campus on sustainability, and winning  
7 many local and national awards; and

8 WHEREAS, he extended engineering education to South Georgia through the Georgia Tech  
9 Regional Engineering Program and developed research and education platforms in France,  
10 Ireland, Singapore, and China, to the benefit of the state's international economic  
11 relationships; and

12 WHEREAS, he is the only person appointed by President George W. Bush to both the  
13 President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and the National Science Board,  
14 giving Georgia and Georgia Tech a higher profile in Washington and providing national  
15 policy leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
17 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
18 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

21 WHEREAS, he has been called by a unanimous decision of the Smithsonian Institution's  
22 Board of Regents to be its next Secretary, directing the nation's premier educational,  
23 historical, and cultural archive and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
24 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend Dr. G. Wayne Clough for his many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
27 dedicated public service to the Georgia Institute of Technology, his community, this state,  
28 and this nation; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his appointment as Secretary  
29 of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and extend to him their most sincere  
30 best wishes for continued success, health, and happiness.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. G. Wayne Clough.