

Senate Resolution 51

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Grant of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the semisesquicentennial anniversary of the Georgia Tech Research Institute; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the year 2009 marks the 75th anniversary of the Georgia Tech Research
4 Institute's (GTRI) creation in April of 1934, when it was formed and funded by the Georgia
5 General Assembly under the Georgia Board of Regents; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Research Institute was known as the State Engineering
7 Experiment Station until 1984; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly formed GTRI to help develop Georgia's
9 resources, industries, and commerce and to assist with national programs of science,
10 technology, and preparedness; and

11 WHEREAS, the institute has grown from three researchers with a budget of \$12,000 to
12 nearly 1,300 employees performing more than \$185 million in research and development
13 annually; and

14 WHEREAS, GTRI is an integral part of the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving as a
15 vital contributor to Georgia Tech's mission to be defined as the technological research
16 university of the 21st century and to educate the leaders of a technologically driven world;
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18 WHEREAS, the objective of GTRI is to execute a synergistic model of research, innovation,
19 and education and use this model to solve the significant problems of a complex world; and

20 WHEREAS, GTRI's economic impact on Georgia has been profound, as illustrated by its
21 incubation of Scientific Atlanta and by its continued innovation on behalf of the food
22 processing industry; and

23 WHEREAS, GTRI has provided invaluable services to state agencies to improve education
24 and to protect its citizens; and

25 WHEREAS, GTRI has provided real world educational experiences to thousands of students
26 since its inception, including serving as the largest employer of cooperative education
27 students from the University System of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the anniversary celebration is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding
29 dedication and contribution of the Georgia Tech Research Institute to the public interest of
30 Georgia and the United States, and it is fitting and proper to recognize this historic
31 achievement.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the Georgia Tech Research Institute for its significant contributions during its 75
34 years of existence in the State of Georgia and extend congratulations on the institute's
35 celebration of its semisesquicentennial anniversary.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
37 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the Georgia Institute
38 of Technology and GTRI Director Dr. Stephen E. Cross, on behalf of the women and men
39 of the Georgia Tech Research Institute.