

House Resolution 219

By: Representatives Davis of the 122nd, Amerson of the 9th, Hembree of the 67th, Keen of the 179th, Benton of the 31st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the semisesquicentennial anniversary of the Georgia Tech Research Institute and
2 inviting members of the Institute to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 75th anniversary of the creation of the Georgia Tech Research
5 Institute, as this outstanding institution was formed and funded by the Georgia General
6 Assembly under the Georgia Board of Regents in April, 1934; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) was originally known as the State
8 Engineering Experiment Station (EES) until 1984; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Research Institute has grown from three researchers with a
13 budget of \$12,000.00 to nearly 1,300 employees performing more than \$185 million in
14 research and development annually; and

15 WHEREAS, GTRI is an integral part of the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving as a
16 contributor to Georgia Tech's mission to define the technological research university of the
17 21st century and educate the leaders of a technologically driven world; and

18 WHEREAS, the mission of GTRI is to execute a synergistic model of research, innovation,
19 and education and apply this 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 (a recent Cisco acquisition) and by its continued innovation
22 on behalf of the food processing industry; and

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

25 WHEREAS, GTRI has provided real world education experience 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, this anniversary celebration is an opportunity to recognize the many
29 contributions of the Georgia Tech Research Institute to the citizens of this state and to the
30 United States.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in celebrating the semisesquicentennial anniversary of the
33 Georgia Tech Research Institute and honor its significant contributions during its 75 years
34 of existence in the State of Georgia and invite members of the Georgia Tech Research
35 Institute to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the
36 Speaker of the House for the purpose of being recognized by the House of Representatives.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Stephen E. Cross, Vice
39 President of the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Director of the Georgia Tech
40 Research Institute.