

Senate Resolution 847

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Balfour of the 9th, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Institute of Technology on its award of a United States
2 Department of Transportation University Transportation Center; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has placed emphasis on
4 advancing technology and expertise around the country in the many disciplines comprising
5 transportation through research, education, and technology transfer; and

6 WHEREAS, to support this effort, the department sought proposals from America's leading
7 universities to establish research centers focused on addressing the challenges facing
8 transportation; and

9 WHEREAS, selection for one of these prestigious centers would include a grant of \$3.5
10 million in federal research funds to be matched with an additional \$3.5 million in funding
11 from private sources and departments of transportation from across the region over two
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology joined approximately 60 other universities
14 in competing for selection as one of ten Tier One University Transportation Centers; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia Tech collaborated with public and private partner institutions across
16 Georgia as part of its application, including Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Southern
17 University, Georgia State University, Southern Polytechnic and State University, Spelman
18 College, and the University of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the proposal effort was led by an advisory board organized by a team of
20 transportation and industry experts at Georgia Tech, including Dr. Michael D. Meyer, Dr.
21 Catherine L. Ross, and Mr. Kenneth C. Stewart; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology received the unwavering support of
23 Governor Nathan Deal, Georgia's congressional delegation, the Georgia Department of
24 Transportation, and the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation in seeking a center designation; and

25 WHEREAS, in January of 2012, Georgia Tech was notified of its successful bid and was
26 awarded the National Center for Transportation System Productivity and Management and
27 its associated grant funding; and

28 WHEREAS, the work of this center and its consortium partners over the next two years will
29 have the potential of providing significant regional and national transportation solutions and
30 recognition for the State of Georgia.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the Georgia Institute of Technology and its partners on the successful pursuit of
33 a United States Department of Transportation University Transportation Center.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Tech President G.P. "Bud"
36 Peterson.