

House Resolution 1553

By: Representatives Dudgeon of the 24th, Brockway of the 101st, Rogers of the 26th, Riley of the 50th, and Taylor of the 79th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Tech Cooperative Education Program on its 100th anniversary and
2 for its Centennial Celebration during the 2012-2013 school year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on September 18, 1912, 12 students enrolled at the Georgia School of
4 Technology as the first class of co-op students under the supervision of Professor T.P.
5 Branch, creating only the fourth such cooperative program in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, through the Georgia Tech Cooperative Education Program, these students took
7 knowledge gained in the classroom and applied it to the assignments in the workplace setting
8 through partnerships with government and industry; and

9 WHEREAS, under the direction of J.E. McDaniel, James G. Wohlford, William H. Hitch,
10 Thomas M. Akins, and Harold B. Simmons, the co-op program grew from a few participants
11 in 1912 to thousands enrolled each year today; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Co-op Program began with only local opportunities in 1912
13 and has since grown into a regional, national, and global experiential education program with
14 students working in dozens of foreign locations; and

15 WHEREAS, the program has not only grown but also excelled, being listed in *U.S. News and*
16 *World Report* as the "Program to Look For" every year the list has been published; and

17 WHEREAS, the program has produced tens of thousands of alumni, many of whom are
18 outstanding leaders in industry, education, and government around this state and nation; and

19 WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of continuous operation of the Georgia Tech
20 Cooperative Education Program, through economic depression, recession, and numerous
21 military conflicts; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout its 100 year history, the program and its students have represented
23 Georgia Tech in an exemplary fashion, having brought honor, esteem, and pride to Georgia
24 Tech and the great State of Georgia from around the country and abroad; and

25 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Georgia Tech President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and
26 Georgia Tech Department of Professional Practice Executive Director Patrick Antony, the
27 Cooperative Education Program stands poised to continue on its path of excellence into the
28 next 100 years.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Georgia Tech Cooperative Education Program on
31 its 100th anniversary and for its century of service to students, industry, government, and
32 higher education in the State of Georgia and heartily show their appreciation to the
33 administration of Georgia Tech for its commitment to the growth and sustainment of this
34 program.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President G.P. "Bud"
37 Peterson and Dr. Patrick Antony.