

Senate Resolution 1090

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Carter of the 1st, Ginn of the 47th and Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Morrill Act on the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, introduced by United States Representative Justin Smith Morrill on July 2,
4 1862, the Morrill Act was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, granting federal
5 public land to states for their use in support of colleges to promote "practical education... in
6 the several pursuits and professions of life"; and

7 WHEREAS, the first state-chartered university in the United States, the University of
8 Georgia was designated as a land grant institution by the State of Georgia ten years later in
9 1872; and

10 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia carries out its land grant mission of providing public
11 service to the people of this state through its 16 schools and colleges, campuses in Griffin
12 and Tifton, Cooperative Extension, eight public service and outreach units, the Archway
13 Partnership, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the Fanning Institute, the Georgia
14 Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel, Marine Extension, Office of
15 Service-Learning, Small Business Development Center, and the State Botanical Garden of
16 Georgia, and by the myriad other ways in which the university serves the State of Georgia;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia exists by charter, legislation, mandate, and mission
19 to serve Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, these public services touch virtually every citizen of Georgia in some way,
21 improving the quality of life for and in this state and range from helping farmers, small
22 business owners, and local government with implementing more efficient technologies to
23 improving nutritional practices for low-income children; and

24 WHEREAS, these public services contribute to the economic development of Georgians
25 from the City of St. Marys to Lookout Mountain, from Lake Seminole to Rabun Gap, and
26 everywhere in between; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act
28 be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the Morrill Act on the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary and the
31 improvements it instigated in economic, social, and educational opportunities for the people
32 of this state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to University of Georgia President Dr.
35 Michael F. Adams.