

House Resolution 1747

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, McKillip of the 115th, Williams of the 113th, James of the 135th, England of the 108th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Morrill Act on the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary and inviting
2 University of Georgia President Dr. Michael F. Adams, Vice President of Public Service and
3 Outreach Jennifer Frum, Fort Valley State University President Dr. Larry Rivers, and Dean
4 of Agriculture Dr. Govindarajan Kannan to be recognized by the House of Representatives;
5 and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, introduced by United States Representative Justin Smith Morrill on July 2,
7 1862, the Morrill Act was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, granting federal
8 public land to states for their use in support of colleges to promote "practical education... in
9 the several pursuits and professions of life"; and

10 WHEREAS, the first state-chartered university in the United States, the University of
11 Georgia was designated as a land-grant institution by the State of Georgia ten years later in
12 1872, and the Georgia General Assembly designated Fort Valley State College as Georgia's
13 1890 land-grant institution in 1949; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Fort Valley State University has fulfilled in an exemplary manner its 1890
23 land-grant mission through cooperative extension by providing useful and practical
24 problem-solving educational opportunities for Georgians; and

25 WHEREAS, Fort Valley State University's Agricultural Research Station conducts basic,
26 applied, and developmental research aimed at assessing those factors that hold promise for
27 enhancing agricultural productivity and profitability while protecting the natural environment
28 and improving the quality of life and well-being for the people of Georgia and society in
29 general; and

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

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

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body recognize the Morrill Act on the grand occasion of its 150th
41 anniversary and the improvements it instigated in economic, social, and educational
42 opportunities for the people of this state, and invite University of Georgia President Dr.
43 Michael F. Adams, Vice President of Public Service and Outreach Jennifer Frum, Fort Valley
44 State University President Dr. Larry Rivers, and Dean of Agriculture Dr. Govindarajan
45 Kannan to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by
46 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to University of Georgia
49 President Dr. Michael F. Adams and Fort Valley State University President Dr. Larry Rivers.