

## Senate Resolution 1173

By: Senators Davis of the 22nd, Grant of the 25th and Crane of the 28th

## 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend the Georgia Tech Cooperative Education Program on its 100th anniversary and for  
31 its century of service to students, industry, government, and higher education in the State of  
32 Georgia and heartily show their appreciation to the administration of Georgia Tech for its  
33 commitment to the growth and sustainment of this program.

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 President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Dr.  
36 Patrick Antony.