

## Senate Resolution 1193

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Carter of the 1st, Ginn of the 47th, Bulloch of the 11th and Hooks of the 14th

## 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 the Georgia General Assembly designated Fort Valley State College as Georgia's  
10 1890 land-grant institution in 1949; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Fort Valley State University's Agricultural Research Station conducts basic,  
23 applied, and developmental research aimed at assessing those factors that hold promise for  
24 enhancing agricultural productivity and profitability while protecting the natural environment

25 and improving the quality of life and well-being for the people of Georgia and society in  
26 general; and

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

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

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

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

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to University of Georgia President Dr.  
42 Michael F. Adams and Fort Valley State University President Dr. Larry Rivers.