

Senate Resolution 372

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier on being named as permanent president of
2 Savannah State University by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier was named as the permanent president of
5 Savannah State University after the University Board of Regents followed a recommendation
6 by USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby in which he stated, "Her work as interim has been
7 impressive and it is the right decision to allow her the opportunity to provide permanent
8 leadership for the University"; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Dozier's appointment as president ends the interim status she has held at the
10 university since April of 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, since taking charge as interim president, Dr. Dozier has launched a number of
12 programs dealing with improving graduation and retention rates, customer service, and
13 strengthening external relationships including the "Closing the Gap" initiative, which
14 provides one-time financial assistance to graduating seniors who have an outstanding balance
15 of \$1,500 or less and exhausted all other financial aid options; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to being named interim president at Savannah State, Dr. Dozier served as
17 associate provost for Institutional Diversity at the University of Georgia from 2006 to 2011
18 and assistant vice president of Academic Affairs at the Gwinnett University Center from
19 2002 to 2006; and

20 WHEREAS, she is a tenured Professor in the School of Social Work and the co-principal
21 investigator for the Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, a \$10
22 million National Science Foundation funded program at the University of Georgia that
23 broadens the participation of minority students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and
24 Mathematics at SSU and six other USG institutions; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Dozier holds numerous leadership positions in professional and civic
26 organizations, including president of the Georgia Association for Women in Higher
27 Education and member of the CEO Council of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, she earned a Doctorate in Social Welfare from Hunter College, at the Graduate
30 Center of the City University of New York; a Master's in Social Work from Atlanta
31 University, School of Social Work; and a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson
32 University in New Jersey; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedication, poise, and exemplary
34 leadership displayed by this individual be recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 congratulate Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier on the grand occasion of her appointment as
37 permanent president of Savannah State University and wish her great success and happiness
38 in the future.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier.