

Senate Resolution 840

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia State University and recognizing February 5, 2014, as Georgia State
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia State University was founded in 1913 with an inaugural class of 48
4 students and celebrated its centennial in 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is a leading urban research university focused on
6 research, service, and providing advanced educational opportunities to more than 32,000
7 students; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia State is nationally recognized as a leader in student success efforts,
9 retaining and graduating students from economically challenging situations at rates higher
10 than peer institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia State utilizes "Complete College Georgia" and other initiatives while
12 implementing a variety of data- and results-driven programs to advise undergraduate students
13 to ensure academic and economic success; and

14 WHEREAS, this body counts 5 members who have graduated from this fine institution; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia State continues its pursuit of excellence in education, research, and
16 athletics with the establishment of an Honors College, a School of Public Health, the Institute
17 of Biomedical Research and has joined the Sun Belt Conference, a Division 1 athletic
18 conference in the NCAA; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia State collected \$71 million in grants and research funding, the most in
20 a single year in the university's history, and will soon break ground on the construction on
21 a second tower at the state-of-the-art Petit Science Center; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia State broke a private fundraising record in 2013, raising more than \$32
23 million; and

24 WHEREAS, the President, students, faculty and alumni of this fine institution are welcomed
25 to the Gold Dome for Georgia State University Day at the state capitol.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Georgia State University on more than a century of providing exemplary education
28 and recognize February 5, 2014, as Georgia State University Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia State University Student
31 Government Association.