

House Resolution 1285

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Smyre of the 135th, Prince of the 127th, and Dickey of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Fort Valley State University, recognizing February 12, 2014, as Fort Valley
2 State University Day at the state capitol, and inviting representatives from Fort Valley State
3 University to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Fort Valley State University started as Fort Valley High and Industrial School
5 in 1895; during that year, 18 visionaries petitioned Houston County's Superior Court for a
6 school charter, which was granted on November 5, 1895; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1939, Fort Valley High and Industrial School merged with the State Teachers
8 and Agricultural College of Forsyth to become Fort Valley State College and received
9 four-year degree granting rights and privileges; the school became Fort Valley State
10 University in 1986; and

11 WHEREAS, as the only 1890 land-grant institution in the State of Georgia, Fort Valley State
12 University is committed to excellence and embracing students' dreams for a successful
13 future; and

14 WHEREAS, this commitment radiates amid the gentle rolling hills of Peach County through
15 its Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP); CDEP is the only program aimed
16 at preparing minorities and women to pursue energy-related disciplines; the university leads
17 the state with a world-renowned Small Ruminants Research Center; and

18 WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of the institution's ninth president, Dr. Ivelaw
19 Lloyd Griffith, Fort Valley State University continues to grow as an educational beacon in
20 Middle Georgia by developing its first Honors Program and Undergraduate Research
21 Program to attract and connect high-achieving students to the university; and

22 WHEREAS, President Griffith plans to fulfill the university's vision by extending its quality
23 academic and sports programs to all the people of Georgia, making international engagement

24 a vital part of its development, and establishing a Center for Homeland and Global Food
25 Security.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Fort Valley State University for its scholastic
28 achievement, commitment to excellence, and investment in students; recognize February 12,
29 2014, as Fort Valley State University Day at the state capitol; and invite representatives of
30 Fort Valley State University to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and
31 time designated by the Speaker of the House.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Fort Valley State
34 University.