

Senate Resolution 86

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th and Crane of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 2, 2015, as University of West Georgia Day at the capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, UWG regional economic impact totaled \$456 million in fiscal year 2013, which
4 marked the sixth year of UWG's continued annual impact growth; and

5 WHEREAS, enrollment at UWG rose 2.3 percent for the Fall 2014 semester, increasing to
6 12,206 from the previous record of 11,929 in Fall 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, the *Princeton Review* ranked UWG as one of the 138 "Best Colleges in the
8 Southeast," and this endorsement is given only to 648 colleges and schools nationwide,
9 approximately 25 percent of all four-year institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, the recently released *U.S. News & World Report* online program rankings rated
11 UWG's online graduate computer information technology program 16th in the nation, as well
12 as four other UWG programs that ranked in the top 100 in the nation with two of them in the
13 top 50; and

14 WHEREAS, UWG received one of three 2014 Environmental Excellence Awards from Keep
15 Carroll Beautiful; and

16 WHEREAS, UWG has shaped a new strategic plan, vision, and goals and aspires to be the
17 best comprehensive university in America – sought after as the best place to work, learn and
18 succeed, focusing on evidence-based leadership, and creating a culture of high performance;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, "Best of the West," part of the Engage West initiative, recognizes faculty and
21 staff who go above and beyond in their daily duties, and using campus-wide peer-to-peer

22 submissions, the program will recognize top employees and help develop a culture of
23 recognition and cooperation on campus; and

24 WHEREAS, Leadership Development Institutes were formed to bring key members of the
25 faculty and staff together, develop and strengthen the leadership team, and break down
26 barriers; and

27 WHEREAS, UWG celebrated another successful fundraising campaign day in 2014, raising
28 a total of \$456,724 from faculty, staff, and community contributions, the faculty and staff
29 contributions reflecting a 9.2 percent increase in giving from the year prior; and

30 WHEREAS, NASA selected UWG's College of Education to host local community high
31 school science teachers at a live online session which provided resources to educators
32 seeking to engage students in data collection and analysis, and to share visualizations and
33 citizen science projects; and

34 WHEREAS, UWG was honored by the University System of Georgia with the Bronze
35 Chancellor's Service Excellence Award for Outstanding Institution of the Year and President;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, the Newnan Center will open in Fall 2015 and allow UWG to expand its
38 offerings and increase enrollment in Coweta County and the southern Atlanta area and offer
39 more sections of core classes, increase dual-enrollment and complete degree program
40 availability, and offer much needed laboratory science classes in Newnan; and

41 WHEREAS, in September 2014, the College of Science and Mathematics received over
42 \$1 million in grant awards from the Georgia Space Grant Consortium-NASA, the National
43 Science Foundation, and the Math and Science Partnership of the Georgia Department of
44 Education; and

45 WHEREAS, in 2014, 100 percent of UWG's pre-law students and alumni who applied to law
46 school were accepted by 47 law schools, including George Washington University, Tulane
47 University, University of Alabama, University of Georgia, Wake Forest University, and
48 Washington & Lee University; and

49 WHEREAS, the highly ranked UWG debate team hosted the iDebate Rwanda team in
50 October 2014, the first stop on the tour for the Rwanda team; and

51 WHEREAS, the UWG debate program enjoys over 80 years of history, starting in 1933, and
52 won two CEDA National Championships in 2000 and 2001, and they have had several deep
53 runs into the National Debate Tournament, reaching the semifinals and quarterfinals multiple
54 times; and

55 WHEREAS, UWG was recently named one of the top 31 "Promising Places to Work in
56 Student Affairs" by the American College Personnel Association and *Diverse: Issues in*
57 *Higher Education*; and

58 WHEREAS, UWG students in the Political Science Club recently held a voter registration
59 drive in conjunction with the League of Women Voters Carrollton-Carroll County on
60 National Voter Registration Day, successfully registering approximately 100 students; and

61 WHEREAS, Dr. Brian Mosier, College of Education assistant professor, was named the
62 Georgia College University Physical Education Teacher of the Year and will be awarded at
63 the SHAPE America conference in February 2015.

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
65 recognize February 2, 2015, as University of West Georgia Day at the capitol.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
67 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the University of
68 West Georgia.