

## House Resolution 231

By: Representatives Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Ramsey of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Strickland of the 111<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton State University; recognizing February 18, 2015, as Clayton State  
2 University Day at the state capitol; and inviting Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, President, Dr. Lila F.  
3 Roberts, Dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Mrs. Camille  
4 Murner, Principal of Rex Mill Middle School, Larry Odum, student of Rex Mill Middle  
5 School, and Jonathan Conner, President of the Student Government Association, to be  
6 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

7 WHEREAS, Clayton State University's mission is to create an environment of  
8 experienced-based learning enriched by community service that prepares students to succeed  
9 as learners, members of the workforce, and citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, on December 9, 2014, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
11 reaffirmed Clayton State University's accreditation with the rare report of "no  
12 recommendations," affirming the hard work of students, staff, and faculty; and

13 WHEREAS, the accrediting agency commended the school for its efforts for Partnering  
14 Academics and Community Engagement, which creates opportunities for students to enhance  
15 their course work by completing projects involving local community organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, on January 7, 2015, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching  
17 acknowledged the alignment of mission, resources, and practices to support "dynamic and  
18 noteworthy community engagement" by selecting Clayton State University to receive its  
19 Community Engagement Classification; and

20 WHEREAS, students studying nursing and healthcare management in the College of Health  
21 experience on-the-job training at local hospitals, hospice institutions, and senior centers; and

22 WHEREAS, students of Rex Mill Middle School, among others, engage with professors  
23 from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences to learn robotics and other  
24 STEM subjects; and

25 WHEREAS, students of the College of Business earn degrees in logistics and supply chain  
26 management while engaging in active internships with local companies; and

27 WHEREAS, students of film production are actively involved in the rapidly growing film  
28 industry in Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, high school students from Fayette, Henry, Clayton, and other counties engage  
30 with Clayton State University professors and students taking courses in math, computer  
31 science, and animation, exposing these young students to paths in information technologies,  
32 healthcare, film production, and others; and

33 WHEREAS, the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* has named Clayton State University as a "Top  
34 100 Workplace in Atlanta," a distinction based on employee feedback, for three consecutive  
35 years; and

36 WHEREAS, Clayton State University, its students, graduates, staff, and faculty are  
37 testaments to its claim of "Dreams. Made real."

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend Clayton State University and invite Dr. Thomas J.  
40 Hynes, Dr. Lila F. Roberts, Mrs. Camille Murner, Larry Odum, and Jonathan Conner to be  
41 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the  
42 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
45 above named individuals.