

House Resolution 233

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Fort Valley State University, recognizing February 11, 2015, as Fort Valley
2 State University Day at the state capitol, and inviting representatives from Fort Valley State
3 University's College of Agriculture to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and
4 for other purposes.

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

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

12 WHEREAS, as the only 1890 land-grant institution in the State of Georgia, Fort Valley State
13 University joins in the celebration of the Second Morrill Act of 1890, which provides a
14 ladder of opportunity for students who face limited access to higher education; and

15 WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of the institution's ninth president, Dr. Ivelaw
16 Lloyd Griffith, Fort Valley State University continues to grow as an educational beacon in
17 Middle Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend Fort Valley State University for its scholastic
20 achievement, commitment to excellence, and investment in students; recognize February 11,
21 2015, as Fort Valley State University Day at the state capitol; and invite representatives from
22 Fort Valley State University's College of Agriculture to be recognized by the House of
23 Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Fort
27 Valley State University.