

Senate Resolution 191

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Fort Valley State University, recognizing February 11, 2015, as Fort Valley
2 State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 commend Fort Valley State University for its scholastic achievement, commitment to
18 excellence, and investment in students and recognize February 11, 2015, as Fort Valley State
19 University Day at the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Fort Valley State
22 University.