

House Resolution 400

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Columbus State University and Columbus Day at the
2 state capitol and inviting Mayor Teresa Tomlinson; President and CEO of TSYS and
3 Chamber Chair, Troy Woods; Chamber's Young Professional Government Affair Chair,
4 Walker Garrett; Interim CSU President, Tom Hackett; and CSU Student Body President,
5 Rachel Green to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the Columbus region of Georgia is known for its fantastic visitor attractions,
7 expansive economic growth and development, education excellence, and beautiful natural
8 landscapes; and

9 WHEREAS, the region is known for its public and private partnerships that have generated
10 success for the area with projects such as the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, an
11 exciting downtown campus for Columbus State University, white water rafting, and the
12 Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority; and

13 WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce is the first chamber in Georgia
14 to receive a 5-Star rating, an elite designation earned by the top 5 percent of all chambers in
15 the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Columbus is home to numerous national and international institutions, including
17 Aflac, Carmike Cinemas, NCR, Fort Benning, Synovus, TSYS, and the W.C. Bradley
18 Company; and

19 WHEREAS, Columbus State University serves 8,200 students and has been nationally
20 recognized over the last year for its international education efforts, value, quality education,
21 new Honors College, and private support; and

22 WHEREAS, the citizens of the Greater Columbus region are justly proud of their community
23 and its university, their past, and many contributions to this state, and it is only proper to

24 recognize February 24, 2015, as Columbus State University and Columbus Day at the state
25 capitol.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize February 24, 2015, as Columbus State University and
28 Columbus Day at the state capitol, congratulate the Greater Columbus region on its many
29 outstanding accomplishments, and invite Mayor Teresa Tomlinson; President and CEO of
30 TSYS and Chamber Chair, Troy Woods; Chamber's Young Professional Government Affair
31 Chair, Walker Garrett; Interim CSU President, Tom Hackett; and CSU Student Body
32 President, Rachel Green to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time
33 to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mayor
36 Teresa Tomlinson; President and CEO of TSYS and Chamber Chair, Troy Woods;
37 Chamber's Young Professional Government Affair Chair, Walker Garrett; Interim CSU
38 President, Tom Hackett; and CSU Student Body President, Rachel Green.