

Senate Resolution 406

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the College of Coastal Georgia and recognizing March 3, 2015, as College of
2 Coastal Georgia Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the College of Coastal Georgia provides an exemplary, affordable baccalaureate
4 education in the natural beauty and sunshine of coastal Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, building upon more than half a century of service, the college is becoming a
6 significant and successful force to educate, enrich, engage, and economically enhance the
7 coastal region and the state as a whole; and

8 WHEREAS, the college was established by the Board of Regents of the University System
9 of Georgia in 1961, and it opened its doors in 1964 after the citizens of Brunswick and Glynn
10 County provided a \$1 million bond issue for the construction of buildings and purchase of
11 the beautiful 193-acre campus; and

12 WHEREAS, the college offered both associate programs in higher education and
13 postsecondary technical and adult programs from the 1980s until 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents authorized an off-campus center to serve Camden County
15 residents in 1992, and classes began at the former Kingsland Elementary School in 1993 until
16 a new permanent facility, the Camden Center, was opened in 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, the College of Coastal Georgia was approved by SACSCOC to offer four-year
18 baccalaureate degree programs in December, 2008, and with this advancement the college
19 plans to enroll 6,000 students by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, the college has updated its campus with new and redesigned academic facilities;
21 an academic quadrangle with a central pedestrian mall; on-campus student housing; and a

22 new 50,000-square-foot campus center that holds full dining facilities, student gathering
23 spaces, the Stembler Theater, and a bookstore, coffee shop, and health center; and

24 WHEREAS, the college is offering new degree programs, a comprehensive service learning
25 initiative, and active engagement with community partners to promote conservation and
26 economic development; and

27 WHEREAS, new athletic teams, such as the men's golf team, which was the 2014 national
28 championship winner; new student organizations; and new outreach efforts are evident across
29 this beautiful campus; and

30 WHEREAS, the campus is surrounded by gorgeous local geography that includes the
31 beautiful beaches on the Atlantic Ocean, barrier islands, saltwater marshes, famous golf
32 courses, award-winning resorts, world-class fishing, national monuments, popular state
33 parks, nature preserves, historic cities, and quaint villages; and

34 WHEREAS, the College of Coastal Georgia provides an affordable, outstanding education
35 for tomorrow's leaders and citizens through service learning, global awareness, and engaged
36 entrepreneurship.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 commend the College of Coastal Georgia and recognize March 3, 2015, as College of
39 Coastal Georgia Day at the Capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the College of
42 Coastal Georgia.