

House Resolution 1028

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Dickey of the 140th, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Fort Valley State University and recognizing January 26, 2016, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend Fort Valley State University for its scholastic
18 achievement, commitment to excellence, and investment in students and recognize January
19 26, 2016, as Fort Valley State University Day at the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fort
22 Valley State University.