

## Senate Resolution 706

By: Senators Fort of the 39th and Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Atlanta Metropolitan State College and recognizing January 22, 2016, as  
2 Atlanta Metropolitan State College Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia authorized the  
4 establishment of a junior college serving the west metropolitan area of Atlanta in June, 1965;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Atlanta School Board was authorized to develop a  
7 financial plan to build this new college in February, 1971, and in February, 1973, the Board  
8 of Regents authorized the plans and specifications for phase one of the construction; and

9 WHEREAS, construction on this college's first building began in 1973 and was completed  
10 in August, 1974, and a month later, this thirty-first institution of the University System of  
11 Georgia commenced classes with an initial enrollment of 504 students; and

12 WHEREAS, this college was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and  
13 Schools in 1976, construction of the Central Energy Plant was completed in the 1976-1977  
14 academic year, and two multi-level academic buildings were built during the 1978-1979  
15 academic year; and

16 WHEREAS, this institution changed its name from Atlanta Junior College to Atlanta  
17 Metropolitan College during the 1987-1988 academic year, a new Health and Physical  
18 Education Complex opened its doors during the 1991-1992 academic year, and a new  
19 Student Center was completed during the fall 2000 semester; and

20 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents authorized Atlanta Metropolitan College to move from  
21 being a two-year college to become a state college on May 10, 2011, and the Southern  
22 Association of Colleges and Schools followed their lead and reclassified this college from

23 a Level I to a Level II institution, which authorized it to offer four-year programs and  
24 bachelor's degrees; and

25 WHEREAS, in spring of 2012, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia  
26 approved a request to change the name of the institution from Atlanta Metropolitan College  
27 to Atlanta Metropolitan State College.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend Atlanta Metropolitan State College for its growth and success and recognize  
30 January 22, 2016, as Atlanta Metropolitan State College Day at the capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Atlanta  
33 Metropolitan State College.