

## House Resolution 1055

By: Representatives Sims of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 125<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 11, 2016, as Augusta University Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Augusta University was founded upon the strengths of the Medical College of  
4 Georgia, which was established in 1828 as the first medical school in the State of Georgia  
5 and is the 13th oldest in the United States and the third oldest in the Southeast, and Augusta  
6 State University, which was founded in 1958 to provide educational opportunities to all  
7 Georgians; and

8 WHEREAS, the university's nine colleges offer 127 academic programs to roughly 8,500  
9 students each year, making a valuable contribution to the future workforce and leadership of  
10 the state; and

11 WHEREAS, Augusta University is the home of the state's only public Academic Medical  
12 Center and, as such, is the heart of the state's health sciences future in innovative education,  
13 cutting edge discovery, biomedical innovation, health policy, and high quality patient care;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Augusta University is the home of the state's only public medical school, the  
16 state's only dental college, the state's flagship program in nursing education, and a nationally  
17 recognized program in the allied health sciences; and

18 WHEREAS, Augusta University is the home of the Children's Hospital of Georgia, the  
19 highest performing children's hospital in the nation, and the state's publicly supported Cancer  
20 Center, which is on track to be only the second NCI designated cancer center in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, Augusta University continues to expand its footprint to meet the growing need  
22 for health care providers in rural and urban Georgia by placing students in more than 135

23 sites across the state and providing its health care management expertise to sites such as the  
24 historic Roosevelt Warm Springs Long Term Acute Care and Inpatient Rehab Hospital; and

25 WHEREAS, Augusta University provides an important contribution to the community and  
26 the security of the nation through its partnership with the Army's Ft. Gordon, which ensures  
27 the workforce is qualified to protect the country's cybersecurity, and hosts an annual Cyber  
28 Summit that brings national leaders in cybersecurity to Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, Augusta University fosters unique and powerful synergies among University  
30 System of Georgia institutions through its second four-year partnership campus in Athens  
31 with the University of Georgia, its academic partnership with East Georgia State College,  
32 and its work with Georgia Tech University in the field of cybersecurity; and

33 WHEREAS, Augusta University is an important contributor to its community, engaging  
34 more than 1,000 volunteers in an annual day of service for local nonprofit organizations,  
35 supporting the educational systems of Augusta-Richmond County and Columbia County, and  
36 providing free health screening services to at-risk populations throughout Georgia; and

37 WHEREAS, Augusta University continues to serve as an economic engine for the state and  
38 region through \$107 million in extramural grants and contracts and its valuable health  
39 sciences related partnerships with the Cerner Corporation, the Phillips Corporation, GW  
40 Pharmaceuticals, and other biotechnology leaders.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
42 the members of this body recognize and commend Augusta University, Dr. Brooks Keel, the  
43 first president of Augusta University, university faculty, students, staff, residents, alumni,  
44 and friends for their many years of dedicated service to the health needs of Georgia citizens.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
46 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
47 Augusta University and Dr. Brooks Keel.