

Senate Resolution 968

By: Senators Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Harper of the 7th and Kirk of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 24, 2016, as Valdosta State University Day at the capitol and
2 commending student leaders at Valdosta State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University has been serving the citizens of South Georgia for
4 more than 100 years and continues to be dedicated to educating leaders for the 21st century;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, these students represent the approximately 11,300 undergraduate and graduate
7 students within Valdosta State University and are actively engaged in research and scholarly
8 activities with faculty members within their selected disciplines; and

9 WHEREAS, it is Valdosta State University's mission to provide the highest quality
10 undergraduate and master's level programs, along with expanded doctoral degrees; and

11 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University's faculty are engaged in scholarly activities, including
12 published papers in national and international peer-reviewed journals, co-authored books,
13 research presentations, and juried exhibits; and

14 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University is a comprehensive university and a major employer
15 with an economic impact of more than \$350 million annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University serves as the regional center for the arts in South
17 Georgia, providing 25 years of professional classical music through the Valdosta Symphony
18 Orchestra and professional theater performances through Peach State Summer Theatre; and

19 WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University Blazers boast an impressive seven NCAA
20 Division II national championships in baseball, men's tennis, softball, and football.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize February 24, 2016, as Valdosta State University Day at the capitol and commend
23 student leaders at Valdosta State University for their commitment to and advocacy for the
24 causes of their institution.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Valdosta State
27 University.