

## House Resolution 1390

By: Representatives Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and Metze of the 55<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 22, 2016, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University (CAU) was established in 1988 upon the consolidation  
4 of its two parent institutions Atlanta University and Clark College; and

5 WHEREAS, the University's four colleges offer 38 academic programs to roughly 4,000  
6 students each year, a valuable contribution to the state's future workforce and leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, CAU hosts the Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development and,  
8 as such, is the only Historically Black Colleges and Universities member of the Georgia  
9 Research Alliance and the nation's largest academic prostate cancer research center; and as  
10 a result of its breakthrough research presently has five patents and patents pending; and

11 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University produces Jazz 91.9 FM-WCLK, the metro-Atlanta  
12 community's only jazz radio station, and a National Public Radio affiliate, which will be  
13 celebrating 41 years of service to the community this year; and

14 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of one of the nation's most prolific  
15 undergraduate Mass Media Arts program, responsible for nurturing talent such as Sheldon  
16 "Spike" Lee, Nnegest Likke, Jacque Reed and Eva Marcille; the Center for Functional  
17 Nanoscale Materials, the Center for Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation, the Center  
18 for Biomedical and Bimolecular Research, and the Center for Cyberspace and Information  
19 Assurance, all serving to advance the interest of boundaries of science, technology,  
20 innovation, and discovery in meaningful and profound ways; and the Center for Innovation  
21 and Entrepreneurship Development, one of the nation's most progressive forums integrating  
22 traditional academics, market research, intelligence, and innovation to increase  
23 competitiveness among CAU graduates and local entrepreneurs; and

24 WHEREAS, CAU is the only private historically black university to host a chapter of Phi  
25 Kappa Phi, America's most prestigious honor society for all academic disciplines, in addition  
26 to Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Mu  
27 Honor Society, and several discipline-specific honor societies; and

28 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is an important contributor to local, regional, and  
29 national communities, engaging more than 1,000 student and faculty volunteers annually in  
30 service to local nonprofit organizations, supporting the educational systems of Fulton,  
31 DeKalb, Cobb, Rockdale, and nearby counties, and continues to reach beyond the campus  
32 footprint to address critical issues through peaceful, educational means in communities  
33 stretching from Ferguson, Missouri, to Charleston, South Carolina; and

34 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University has produced stellar alumni who constitute  
35 irreplaceable threads in the fabric of America, including: Ralph David Abernathy, Marva  
36 Collins, James Weldon Johnson, Kenny Leon, Lucy Craft Laney, Bomani Jones, Fletcher  
37 Henderson, and State Senators Horacena Tate and Vincent Fort, and is now under the  
38 leadership of its fourth President, Ronald A. Johnson, Ph.D., who is applying his  
39 considerable expertise, wisdom, and passion for students toward mobilizing for the future.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
41 the members of this body recognize February 22, 2016, as Clark Atlanta University Day at  
42 the state capitol and commend Clark Atlanta University, Dr. Ronald A. Johnson, President  
43 of Clark Atlanta University, CAU faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends for their many  
44 years of dedicated service to the higher education of Georgia's citizens and for attracting  
45 young scholars from across the nation to this great state.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
47 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Clark  
48 Atlanta University and Dr. Ronald A. Johnson.