

House Resolution 1443

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2, 2016, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the capitol;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) has been providing higher  
4 education on its historic Americus, Georgia, campus to heads of state, leaders in the  
5 courtroom, the boardroom, the operating room, and the classroom for 110 years; and

6 WHEREAS, GSW offers more than 40 bachelor's degree programs in arts and sciences,  
7 business administration, computing and mathematics, education, and nursing and master's  
8 degrees in English, business, education, computer science, and nursing; and

9 WHEREAS, GSW is ranked as the number one most affordable small college in Georgia by  
10 both greatvaluecolleges.net and bestvalueschools.com, the accounting graduates who took  
11 the most recent CPA exam ranked 25th among the nation's medium-sized programs and third  
12 among universities in Georgia, the School of Education was listed as a "Top 5" best value  
13 education program in Georgia and the undergraduate secondary education degree ranked  
14 third by the National Council on Teacher Quality, the School of Nursing was ranked number  
15 33 in gograd.com's "Top Online Master's in Nursing Program," and the online Bachelor of  
16 Science in Information Technology has been ranked as one of the top 20 "Best Buys" in the  
17 country by geteducated.com; and

18 WHEREAS, in athletics, GSW is a member of the Peach Belt Conference; competes in ten  
19 total men's and women's sports, including baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's  
20 cross country, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, women's softball, and men's and  
21 women's tennis; and the GSW Hurricanes have won 16 conference championships over the  
22 last 20 years; and

23 WHEREAS, notable alumni include former President Jimmy Carter, former First Lady  
24 Rosalynn Carter, the late Judge Griffin Bell, and the current Commander of the Georgia  
25 Army National Guard Brigadier General Thomas Carden; and

26 WHEREAS, with an annual economic impact of nearly \$80 million, GSW continues to be  
27 a positive presence in Georgia.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize March 2, 2016, as Georgia Southwestern State  
30 University Day at the capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
33 Georgia Southwestern State University.