

Senate Resolution 1070

By: Senators Kirk of the 13th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th, Bethel of the 54th, Williams of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

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

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

6 WHEREAS, GSW's economic impact is nearly \$80 million each year, and its enrollment
7 increased by 3.3 percent in the fall of 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, the university offers more than 40 bachelor's degree programs in arts and
9 sciences, business administration, computing and mathematics, education, and nursing as
10 well as master's degrees in English, business, education, computer science, and nursing; and

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

20 WHEREAS, notable Georgians who have attended Georgia Southwestern State University
21 include former President Jimmy Carter, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, the late Judge
22 Griffin Bell, and the current Commander of the Georgia Army National Guard Brigadier
23 General Thomas Carden; and

24 WHEREAS, in athletics, GSW is a member of the Peach Belt Conference and competes in
25 ten total sports, including baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, and
26 tennis, and the GSW Hurricanes have won 16 conference championships over the last 20
27 years; and

28 WHEREAS, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Georgia
29 Southwestern can be visited online at gsw.edu.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize March 2, 2016, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the state capitol.

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