

## House Resolution 1560

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Thomas Currin, Dean of the College of Southern  
2 Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology at Kennesaw State  
3 University, and students Valerie Washington and Kurt Jacobson for earning three of the top  
4 six annual awards from the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Currin has spent nearly three decades in higher education,  
7 including becoming founding dean of the engineering college at Southern Polytechnic State  
8 University in 2006 and founding dean at Kennesaw State University following the  
9 consolidation of the two universities in 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, originally nominated for the Georgia Engineer of the Year in Education, he  
11 received the highest score of all nominations submitted for various categories, earning him  
12 the top award, 2016 Georgia Engineer of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, Valerie Washington, a senior industrial and systems engineering student at  
14 Kennesaw State University, serves as a research assistant and teaching assistant for the  
15 department; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Washington is working alongside Woodrow Winchester, associate  
17 professor of systems and industrial engineering at Kennesaw State University, researching  
18 ways to make the use of connected fitness tracking devices easier and more effective; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Washington has been named the Georgia Engineering Student of the Year  
20 for 2016, a testament to her many accomplishments and a showcase of the potential she has  
21 in advancing the practice of engineering; and

22 WHEREAS, Kurt Jacobson, a senior mechanical engineering technology student, is working  
23 on a minor in nuclear engineering, serves as vice president of the Kennesaw State Nuclear  
24 Society, and is a student assistant in the Center for Nuclear Studies; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Jacobson also works as a supplemental instruction leader for more than 70  
26 students taking the Strength of Materials course and is currently in the process of getting a  
27 patent for the CNC tubing notcher machine that he designed; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Jacobson was named the Georgia Engineering Technology Student of the  
29 Year, proving that he is a rising star in mechanical engineering technology and a top student  
30 at the university; and

31 WHEREAS, President Dan Papp, the faculty, staff, and students of Kennesaw State  
32 University are proud of the honors that have been bestowed upon Dr. Currin, Ms.  
33 Washington, and Mr. Jacobson.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Kennesaw State University Dean Thomas  
36 Currin, and Kennesaw State University students Valerie Washington and Kurt Jacobson on  
37 their trifecta of engineering accolades, earned by receiving three of the top six annual awards  
38 from the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dean  
41 Thomas Currin, Valerie Washington, and Kurt Jacobson.