

Senate Resolution 1223

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Old Governor's Mansion at Georgia College and State University in
2 Milledgeville, Georgia, as a state historic house; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville, Georgia, served as Georgia's first
4 Executive Mansion from 1839 to 1868 and was the residence of eight governors and their
5 families; and

6 WHEREAS, it was designed by noted architect Charles Cluskey and is considered to be one
7 of the finest examples of High Greek Revival architecture in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion served as the headquarters of Major General
9 William T. Sherman on November 23, 1864, upon his capture of the City of Milledgeville
10 during the March to the Sea; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1889, the Old Governor's Mansion was entrusted to Georgia Normal and
12 Industrial College, now Georgia College and State University, and it served as the founding
13 building of the university and is today utilized as a nationally renowned historic house
14 museum; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1973, the Old Governor's Mansion was designated a National Historic
16 Landmark; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2004, with the help of appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly,
18 the Old Governor's Mansion was fully restored to its circa 1851 appearance; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Old Governor's Mansion was accredited by the American Alliance
20 of Museums, a designation denoting overall excellence in the field of museums; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Old Governor's Mansion was named an affiliate of the Smithsonian
22 Institution, entitling the Mansion to access exhibits from this nation's premier museum; and

23 WHEREAS, the Old Governor's Mansion is deserving of the attention and appreciation of
24 the citizens of this state, and it is appropriate to recognize the significance of this site to the
25 State of Georgia and to all Georgians.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the Old Governor's Mansion at Georgia College and State University in
28 Milledgeville, Georgia, as a state historic house.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Matt Davis,
31 Director of the Old Governor's Mansion.