

Senate Resolution 122

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Martin of the 9th, Jones of the 25th and Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of
- 2 Technology, and Georgia State University for their contributions to higher education and
- 3 recognizing February 1, 2017, as Research Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia (USG) is comprised of 28 public institutions
- 5 with a current enrollment of over 321,000 students and has a significant educational,
- 6 research, and community presence in all 159 counties of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia, one of the largest employers in Georgia
- 8 generating over 150,000 jobs and a \$15.5 billion economic output impact, is committed to
- 9 graduating more students who are prepared for today's workforce challenges, making a
- 10 college degree an affordable goal and accomplishment and being good stewards of the state's
- 11 investment in higher education; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia's four public research universities include the University of Georgia,
- 13 Augusta University, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State University, all working to educate
- 14 future teachers, engineers, researchers, health care professionals, industry experts, and civic
- 15 leaders; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of the American system of public
- 17 higher education, having been granted a charter by the Georgia General Assembly on
- 18 January 27, 1785; and is a comprehensive land-grant and sea-grant research institution, with
- 19 an enrollment of more than 36,000 students and comprised of 17 schools and colleges; and
- 20 enjoys the support of more than 310,000 living alumni, most of whom reside in the State of
- 21 Georgia; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's health sciences university and a growing
- 23 national center for cybersecurity education, graduating high-impact leaders in STEM, the
- 24 liberal arts, education, and business; home to the state's dental and public medical colleges

25 and the prime provider of Georgia's medical practitioners; a discovery-to-treatment
26 environment with a \$100 million research investment in cancer, neuroscience, stroke,
27 cardiac, and more; and home to the Georgia Cancer Center and Center for Rural Health
28 dedicated to improving the health of all Georgians, no matter where they live; and

29 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving more than 25,000 students and the
30 number seven public university in the nation (according to *U.S. News*), has a \$2.7 billion
31 annual economic impact on the state, recently assisting 1,075 Georgia manufacturing
32 companies, creating or saving 2,348 jobs in Georgia, as well as being number two in the
33 nation for annualized return on investment in higher education (according to Payscale.com);
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Georgia State University was named the fourth most innovative university by
36 *U.S. News and World Report* for its pioneering use of predictive analytics in student
37 advisement, which has become a national model for student success, and, declared as a
38 "hotbed of growth and innovation," Georgia State has increased graduation rates while saving
39 students over \$15 million in tuition and fees by shortening their time to degree and changing
40 course loads; and

41 WHEREAS, the Presidents and students of these fine institutions are welcomed to the State
42 Capitol on February 1, 2017.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 commend the University of Georgia, Augusta University, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State
45 University for their exemplary efforts and commitment to higher education in Georgia and
46 recognize February 1, 2017, as Research Day at the state capitol.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Student
49 Government Associations of these fine institutions.