

Senate Resolution 360

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Martin of the 9th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Institute of Technology for the success of the Basic Economic
2 Development Course on the occasion of the fiftieth annual course offering; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Basic Economic Development Course was established in 1967 at the
5 Georgia Institute of Technology, and is a certified course by the International Economic
6 Development Council that is now offered by more than 25 institutions across the country;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Basic Economic Development Course was founded by the
9 late Bob Cassell, regarded as a pioneer in modern economic development, who served as
10 Course Director from 1967 to 1993 and then, as Director Emeritus, advised other Course
11 Directors through the mid-2000s; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Georgia Tech Basic Economic Development Course will celebrate
13 50 years of being one of the first steps in the career of more than 3,000 economic developers
14 nationwide and will honor the legacy of Bob Cassell who took an active leadership role in
15 organizing the economic development profession nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, the course is run by the Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute and is
17 dedicated to serving rural southeast areas and professionals from all walks of life, and attracts
18 professionals from across the country including many attendees from Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the program is the longest running course of its kind, and is dedicated to
20 educating the future economic development professionals that will carry this state and the
21 nation into future economic growth.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend the Georgia Institute of Technology for the success of the Basic Economic
24 Development Course on the occasion of the fiftieth annual course offering.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the current Course
27 Director, Leigh Hopkins.