

Senate Resolution 379

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Kirk of the 13th, Jones of the 25th and Burke of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2017, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for 111 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 seven percent in the fall of 2016; 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 45th out
17 of the 50 best in topmastersinhealthcare.com's graduate nursing programs in America, and
18 the online Bachelor of Science in Information Technology has been ranked as one of the top
19 20 "Best Buys" in the country 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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize March 13, 2017, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the state capitol.

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