

House Resolution 597

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Oliver of the 82nd, Silcox of the 52nd, Willard of the 51st, and Golick of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Emory University School of Law on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1916, Emory University established its law school, enrolling a class of 27
4 students and a library with more than 5,000 volumes; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1920, Emory Law became the first Georgia law school accredited by the
6 American Association of Law Schools; achieved its highest "Class A" rating in 1923, one
7 of only three schools in the Southeast; enrolled the first African American law student in
8 Georgia in 1965; and in 1995, opened the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library which now
9 maintains a collection of approximately 400,000 volumes and volume-equivalents; and

10 WHEREAS, in the 100 years since its founding, Emory University School of Law (Emory
11 Law) has grown into an internationally respected law school with an exceptional faculty,
12 staff, and student body and a long history of accomplishment; and

13 WHEREAS, Emory Law faculty have shaped a number of important scholarly disciplines,
14 including law and religion, law and economics, legal history, law and society, children's
15 rights and family law, and feminism and legal theory; and

16 WHEREAS, Emory Law enrolls more than 1,000 students from throughout the United States
17 and the world, pursuing Juris Doctor (JD), Juris Master (JM), Master of Laws (LLM), Doctor
18 of Juridical Science (SJD), and Master of Comparative Law (MCL) degrees; and

19 WHEREAS, Emory Law alumni today number more than 11,000, working across the globe
20 as leaders in the fields of law, business, and government.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize Emory University School of Law on the grand occasion

23 of its 100th anniversary and that as the institution embarks on its next century, it is poised
24 to prepare future generations of defenders of the rule of law who are dedicated to forging a
25 better society by upholding the highest standards of an ancient and honorable profession.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 Emory University School of Law.