

Senate Resolution 700

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th, Martin of the 9th and Strickland of the 17th

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 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia comprises 26 public institutions with a
5 current enrollment of more than 325,000 students and has a significant educational, research,
6 and community presence in all 159 counties of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, as of Fall, 2017, for the second consecutive year, enrollment continued to reach
8 an all-time peak in the University System's total student enrollment; and

9 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia, one of the largest employers in Georgia,
10 generating more than 157,000 jobs and a \$16.8 billion economic output impact, is committed
11 to graduating students who are prepared for today's workforce challenges, making a college
12 degree an affordable goal and accomplishment, and being good stewards of the state's
13 investment in higher education; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia's four public research universities include the University of Georgia,
15 Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University, all
16 working to educate future teachers, engineers, researchers, health care professionals, industry
17 experts, and civic leaders; and

18 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia (UGA), having been granted a charter by the Georgia
19 General Assembly on January 27, 1785, is the birthplace of public higher education in
20 America; is a comprehensive research institution committed to the state of Georgia with an
21 annual impact on the state of more than \$5 billion; is composed of 17 schools and colleges
22 with an enrollment of more than 37,000 students; and was named the 16th best public
23 university in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

24 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's innovation center for education and health care,
25 training the next generation of innovators, leaders, and health care providers in classrooms
26 and clinics in Augusta, Rome, Albany, Savannah, Brunswick, and hundreds of clinical sites
27 across the state. Nearly 9,000 students choose Augusta for educational opportunities at the
28 center of Georgia's new cybersecurity hub and experiential learning that blends arts and
29 application, humanities, and the health sciences. Augusta is home to Georgia's only public
30 academic health center, where groundbreaking research is creating a healthier, more
31 prosperous Georgia and world-class clinicians are bringing the medicine of tomorrow to
32 patient care today; and

33 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving nearly 30,000 students as the
34 number seven public university in the nation, has a \$3.05 billion annual economic impact on
35 the state, recently assisting more than 800 Georgia manufacturing companies and creating
36 or saving more than 2,000 jobs in Georgia, as well as being number two in the nation for
37 annualized return on investment in higher education; and

38 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, an enterprising public research university in Atlanta,
39 is a national leader in graduating students from diverse backgrounds, providing its
40 world-class faculty and more than 50,000 students at five campuses throughout metro Atlanta
41 with unsurpassed connections to the opportunities available in one of the 21st century's great
42 global cities; and

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that members of this body
44 commend the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of
45 Technology, and Georgia State University for their exemplary efforts and commitment to
46 higher education in Georgia.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each of the Student Government
49 Associations of these fine institutions.