

Senate Resolution 1042

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Millar of the 40th, McKoon of the 29th, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dalton State College on the occasion of its designation as the
2 first and only Hispanic-Serving Institution in this state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dalton State College's mission has always been to serve the higher education
4 needs of Northwest Georgians, and it has pursued this objective with honor and conviction;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dalton State College was chartered by the Board of Regents of the University
7 System of Georgia in July of 1963 and opened in September of 1967; and

8 WHEREAS, in the 2017 fall semester, 5,164 students were enrolled in Dalton State College
9 and 1,383 of them were Hispanic/Latino; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education requires that the total
11 Hispanic/Latino percentage of enrollment be 25 percent in order to be designated as a
12 Hispanic-Serving Institution and Dalton State College meets this standard with its 26.8
13 percent Hispanic/Latino student body; and

14 WHEREAS, Dalton State College is now the only Hispanic-Serving Institution in the State
15 of Georgia, a designation that will benefit the entire campus community; and

16 WHEREAS, Dalton State College has been dedicated to providing lifelong learning, active
17 leadership, and positive contributions to Northwest Georgia and remains steadfastly
18 committed to the principles of excellence in teaching and learning, respect and collegiality,
19 and diversity and inclusion; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
21 extraordinary institution of higher learning be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize Dalton State College for its manifold contributions to the State of Georgia and
24 commend it on the occasion of its designation as the first and only Hispanic-Serving
25 Institution in this state.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dalton State
28 College.