

House Resolution 207

By: Representative Beverly of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 13, 2019, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University was established in 1988 upon the consolidation of its
4 two parent institutions Atlanta University, established in 1865, and Clark College,
5 established in 1869; and

6 WHEREAS, the university's four colleges offer 38 academic programs to roughly 4,000
7 students each year, making a valuable contribution to the future workforce and leadership of
8 Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Cancer Research and
10 Therapeutic Development, and, as such, is the only Historically Black Colleges and
11 Universities (HBCU) member of the Georgia Research Alliance in addition to being the
12 nation's largest academic prostate cancer research center; and as a result of its breakthrough
13 research, presently has three patents and patents pending; and

14 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of Jazz 91.9 FM-WCLK, an NPR affiliate,
15 and is Metro Atlanta community's only jazz radio station and this year celebrates 45 years
16 of service to the community; and

17 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of one of the nation's most prolific
18 undergraduate Mass Media Arts program, responsible for nurturing talent such as Sheldon
19 "Spike" Lee, Kenya Barris, Jacque Reed, and Bryan Michael Cox; and

20 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Functional Nanoscale
21 Materials, the Center for Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation, the Center for
22 Biomedical and Biomolecular Research, and the Center for Cyberspace and Information

23 Assurance, all pushing at the boundaries of cutting-edge science, technology, innovation, and
24 discovery in meaningful and profound ways; and

25 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Innovation and
26 Entrepreneurship Development, one of the nation's most progressive forums integrating
27 traditional academics, market research, and intelligence and innovation to increase the level
28 of competitiveness among Clark graduates and local entrepreneurs; and

29 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the only private historically black university to host
30 a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, America's most prestigious honor society for all academic
31 disciplines, in addition to Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor
32 Society, and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, as well as several discipline-specific honor
33 societies; and

34 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is an important contributor to local, regional, and
35 national communities, engaging more than 1,000 student and faculty volunteers annually in
36 service to local nonprofit organizations, supporting the educational systems of Fulton,
37 DeKalb, Cobb, Rockdale, and nearby counties, and continues to reach beyond the campus
38 footprint to address critical issues through peaceful, educational means in communities
39 stretching from hurricane-stricken Houston, Texas, to Paris, France, to Beijing, China, and
40 myriad points in between; and

41 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University has produced stellar alumni who constitute
42 irreplaceable threads in the fabric of America, including: Ralph David Abernathy, Mary
43 Frances Early, James Weldon Johnson, John Rosamond, Kenny Leon, Amy Sherald, Bomani
44 Jones, Tharon Johnson, and of course, State Representative Sheila Jones and State Senator
45 Horacena Tate and, is now under the leadership of its Interim President Lucille Mauge, who
46 is applying her considerable expertise, wisdom, and passion for students toward Mobilizing
47 for the Future.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
49 the members of this body recognize and commend Clark Atlanta University, Mrs. Lucille
50 Mauge, the university faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends for their many years of
51 dedicated service to the higher education of Georgia's citizens and for attracting young
52 scholars from across the nation to our great state.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Clark
55 Atlanta University and Mrs, Lucille Mauge.