

Senate Resolution 240

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Saluting the 125th graduating class of Gainesville High School; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School (GHS) is one of Georgia's ten oldest high schools,
3 chartered in 1892; and
- 4 WHEREAS, thirteen graduates received diplomas in 1894, having studied Latin,
5 trigonometry, analytical geometry, physics, chemistry, history, and English literature, and
6 each graduate withstood oral questioning from the Gainesville Board of Education; and
- 7 WHEREAS, more than 400 students will have diplomas conferred in May at the
8 commencement exercises at City Park as they complete the rigorous state and local
9 graduation requirements; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Class of 2019 undertook challenging classes of the core curriculum plus 17
11 Advanced Placement courses, earning distinction, and participated in dual enrollment earning
12 more than 1,000 college credit hours and work based learning internships with local
13 businesses in 18 career pathways under the CTAE program, working more than 19,000
14 hours; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School proudly produced state and national champions of
16 academia, fine arts, and athletics, including two Pulitzer Prize winners, a NASA astronaut,
17 two Heisman Memorial Trophy runners-up, numerous Emmy recipients, a Grammy winner,
18 a Masters golf champion, and a university president, as graduates have excelled in careers
19 of business, academia, journalism, government, sports, military, and all aspects of the fine
20 arts; and
- 21 WHEREAS, recent GHS valedictorians are enrolled at Harvard, MIT, Georgia Tech,
22 Wellesley College, Emory University, and Dartmouth College, confirming the school's
23 superior academic tradition; and

24 WHEREAS, Gainesville High School's famed Red Elephant, its mascot since the mid-1930s,
25 remains a symbol of strength, agility, durability, and pride.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 salute Gainesville High School for reaching its 125th anniversary in 2019 and for the valued
28 promise it makes to improve the lives of students, families, and its proud community.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the faculty and staff
31 of Gainesville High School.