

Senate Resolution 493

By: Senators Harrell of the 40th, Tippins of the 37th, Burns of the 23rd, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State
2 University on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the new Georgia State University Policy School welcomed its first class of
4 students in the fall of 1996 as a result of the efforts of many individuals, including Dr. Paula
5 Stephan, Dr. John Thomas, Dr. Ron Cummings, Dr. David Sjoquist, Dr. Jorge
6 Martinez-Vazquez, Dr. Bill Rushing, Dr. Sam Skogstad, and led by Dr. Roy Bahl, with the
7 objective of achieving excellence in the design, implementation, and evaluation of policy to
8 better prepare its students to serve and lead public and nonprofit institutions throughout the
9 state of Georgia and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, three years later, the Georgia Board of Regents approved a new name for the
11 school—the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies—and the Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines,
12 Marriott Foundation, and Ambassador Andrew Young endowments were created to support
13 scholarships and global training, generating the engagement and support of one of the world's
14 leading human rights champions who promotes the concept that a healthy, growing economy
15 will improve the quality of life for all citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, 25 years after the opening of the school, its objective remains a cornerstone
17 while its mission expands in recognition of the changing world and the growing need among
18 policymakers to not only make sense of but also to help shape the new digital landscape
19 while understanding its implications, leading the school to advance digital innovation in the
20 teaching and research of public policy to ensure citizens laboring in the public and nonprofit
21 sectors and those they serve engage with and benefit from this ever-evolving digital world;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, in 25 years, the school has expanded to support a unique grouping of disciplines
24 that foster collaboration to address complex problems in innovative ways; and

25 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, the General Assembly, and many benefactors have
26 generously provided funding for advances in the teaching, research, and expansion of critical
27 research facilities within the school, notably its Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia Policy
28 Labs, Fiscal Research Center, Center for State and Local Finance, and Evidence-Based
29 Cybersecurity Research Group; and

30 WHEREAS, this generous support allows for the college's research foci in critically
31 important policy areas, including health policy, public finance and budgeting, cyber security,
32 education policy, nonprofit management and policy, and urban policy, bringing national and
33 international recognition to the State of Georgia; and

34 WHEREAS, this generous support allows students to learn while giving back to their
35 communities via internships, community projects, and as policy consultants in the areas of
36 criminal justice and criminology, economics, public management and policy, social work,
37 and urban policy, often assisting in research projects that encourage them to serve the public
38 good in ways that benefit citizens in Georgia and around the world; and

39 WHEREAS, as a nationally ranked policy school, this college enrolls more than 2,200
40 students annually who receive this world-class instruction and hands-on experience in policy
41 and public service; and

42 WHEREAS, this year, the school has launched the new Social Action Alliance, an
43 interdisciplinary experiential initiative designed to train future community leaders in public
44 service, advocacy, philanthropy, and civic engagement that is open to all undergraduate
45 students in all disciplines across Georgia State University, which will benefit communities
46 in Georgia and around the world from this year forward.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
48 recognize the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University on the
49 occasion of its 25th anniversary and commend its contribution to educating the policymakers,
50 public servants, and nonprofit leaders of Georgia.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
52 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Andrew Young
53 School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.