

## House Resolution 1489

By: Representatives Anderson of the 10<sup>th</sup>, Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>, Hong of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Sainz of the 180<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 90th anniversary of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI); and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1934, as this state weathered the Great Depression, the legislature established  
4 Georgia Code Title 20, Chapter 11, creating the Georgia Tech Research Institute at the  
5 Georgia Institute of Technology "to aid in the promotion of scientific, engineering, and  
6 industrial research" as well as "to encourage further industrial and economic development  
7 ... in order to promote the general welfare of the people of this state"; and

8 WHEREAS, GTRI began the state-funded Agricultural Technology Research Program more  
9 than 50 years ago in 1973, which drives transformational innovation in our state's agricultural  
10 industry; and

11 WHEREAS, GTRI began the state-funded STEM program more than 25 years ago in 1998,  
12 which strives to inspire educators and K-12 students across the state to pursue education in  
13 the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through outreach programs  
14 in every region of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, GTRI began the state-funded Severe Storm Research Center 25 years ago  
16 following the 1998 tornado in northern Hall County to research "new and innovative ways  
17 of detecting, predicting, and tracking severe weather in North Georgia"; and

18 WHEREAS, GTRI's fourth state-funded effort is the Energy and Sustainability Research  
19 Group, which is currently focused on electric vehicle battery technology development and  
20 state infrastructure; and

21 WHEREAS, GTRI functions and operates as the applied research center of the Georgia  
22 Institute of Technology, employing a workforce of 3,000 people in Georgia and across the  
23 nation at its various research facilities; and

24 WHEREAS, the enterprise began to focus significantly on national security and defense in  
25 the years leading up to and during World War II; and

26 WHEREAS, GTRI's formal strategic relationship with the Department of Defense was  
27 codified in 1996 as an inaugural University Affiliated Research Center (UARC), the second  
28 largest of the existing 15 UARCs and the only UARC in the Southeast United States; and

29 WHEREAS, GTRI continues to utilize its funding to provide state-of-the-art solutions while  
30 still serving as a responsible steward of Georgia tax dollars; and

31 WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that GTRI has more than successfully achieved its  
32 mission of enhancing the State of Georgia's economic development, serving national  
33 security, and improving the human condition.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize the 90th anniversary of the Atlanta-based Georgia Tech  
36 Research Institute and commend the tremendous contributions it makes to enhancing the  
37 state's economic development as well as its significant achievements in the critical area of  
38 national defense.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
41 Georgia Tech Research Institute.