

## Senate Resolution 817

By: Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Strickland of the 42nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton State University and recognizing March 4, 2026, as Clayton State  
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clayton State University is an institution committed to social mobility and  
4 improving the lives of its students through teaching, scholarship, and service; and

5 WHEREAS, Clayton State University was named number 21 by the *U.S. News & World*  
6 *Report* in social mobility, marking a third year in a row of increase; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2025, Clayton State University earned national recognition for its  
8 commitment to first-generation student success by the FirstGen Forward Network; and

9 WHEREAS, students in the Clayton State University School of Nursing earned a 100 percent  
10 pass rate on the most recent NCLEX nursing board exam; and

11 WHEREAS, a new bachelor's degree in cybersecurity was established in 2025 to meet the  
12 growing demand for skilled professionals in one of Georgia's fastest-growing fields; and

13 WHEREAS, Clayton State University partnered with Clayton County to launch a  
14 data-sharing partnership to boost workforce and economic growth; and

15 WHEREAS, the Laker Wildlife Initiative was launched at Clayton State University to study  
16 and explore wildlife crime investigation and conservation; and

17 WHEREAS, the economic impact of Clayton State University reached nearly \$300 million;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Spivey Hall on the campus of Clayton State University continues to be an  
20 internationally recognized concert hall.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend Clayton State University and recognize March 4, 2026, as Clayton State University  
23 Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to President Georj  
26 L. Lewis.