

House Resolution 291

By: Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Crowe of the 118th, Santos of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mercer University and recognizing February 20, 2025, as Mercer University
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1833 and moved to Macon in 1871, Mercer University has provided
4 192 years of distinguished educational service in Georgia, establishing itself as a dynamic
5 and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate, and professional education; and

6 WHEREAS, Mercer University enrolls more than 9,200 students across 12 schools and
7 colleges, offering diverse academic programs in liberal arts and sciences, law, pharmacy,
8 medicine, health professions, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, and
9 professional advancement while fostering a culture of excellence in teaching, learning,
10 research, and service; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia House Speaker's Chief of Staff Terry England serves as a Mercer
12 University Trustee, and numerous Mercer University alumni hold esteemed leadership
13 positions in the Georgia House of Representatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Mercer University celebrated a record-setting year of student achievement in
15 2024, with 48 students earning 55 nationally and internationally competitive merit
16 scholarships and fellowships; and

17 WHEREAS, Mercer University's football team, the Mercer Bears, made history by winning
18 the Southern Conference championship in 2024, adding to the university's legacy of athletic
19 achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, Mercer University's debate team earned national recognition by ranking third
21 at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Tournament, and its Phi Beta Kappa
22 chapter was honored as an Outstanding Chapter during the 47th Triennial Council in
23 Washington, D.C.; and

24 WHEREAS, Mercer University's mission, "To teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to
25 inspire, to empower, and to serve," is exemplified through its transformative educational
26 programs, global initiatives, and significant contributions to the cultural and social fabric of
27 Macon, Middle Georgia, and beyond.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Mercer University as well as its administration, faculty,
30 staff, trustees, students, and alumni for the important contributions they have made to the
31 State of Georgia and recognize February 20, 2025, as Mercer University Day at the state
32 capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Mercer University.