

House Resolution 349

By: Representative Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Military College on its 145th anniversary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, established on October 14, 1879, by an act of the Georgia General Assembly,
3 Georgia Military College (GMC) builds upon its distinguished military heritage, grounded
4 in the core values of duty, honor, and country, to provide hope and opportunity through
5 education while developing students across Georgia into authentic servant leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, GMC is a unique state authority with a steadfast commitment to providing
7 pathways of opportunity for students across Georgia, ensuring accessibility and affordability
8 in education, with over 97 percent of its students being Georgia residents; and

9 WHEREAS, GMC's Preparatory School, located in Milledgeville, serves K-12 students,
10 preparing them for higher education by fostering academic excellence, leadership, character
11 development, and competitive athletics and fine arts, with graduates pursuing college degrees
12 at distinguished colleges and universities within Georgia and across the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, in the GMC Junior College, 80 percent of the student body consists of
14 first-generation and/or low-income students, highlighting the institution's vital role in

15 fostering accessibility, opportunity, and workforce development in Georgia's higher
16 education system; and

17 WHEREAS, since its founding, GMC has remained an open-admissions institution, ensuring
18 that education remains accessible to all individuals seeking to advance their opportunities;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, GMC serves primarily commuter students, offers nine junior college athletic
21 programs, and maintains its residential Corps of Cadets, making it one of only four military
22 junior colleges in the nation that can commission officers in the United States Army within
23 two years through its ROTC program; and

24 WHEREAS, GMC's Corps of Cadets offers a prestigious and highly successful United States
25 Service Academy Prep Program, with a 95 percent success rate, preparing cadets to gain
26 admission to one of our nation's prestigious academies, earning their foundation in Georgia
27 at GMC; and

28 WHEREAS, GMC operates eight satellite locations across Georgia, significantly expanding
29 access to higher education for students throughout the state; and

30 WHEREAS, GMC's Global Online Leadership College has propelled the institution into the
31 future, providing flexible and accessible educational opportunities for working adults,
32 active-duty military members, and their families; and

33 WHEREAS, the continued achievements and milestones of GMC stand as a testament to the
34 dedication and hard work of its faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Georgia Military College upon its 145th anniversary and
37 extend best wishes for its continued contributions to Milledgeville, the State of Georgia, and
38 the nation.

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
41 Georgia Military College.