

Senate Resolution 335

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 4, 2025, as Oxford Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, founded in 1836 as Emory College, Oxford College has a long and
3 distinguished history that reflects its deep connection to the Methodist Church and its integral
4 role within the broader Emory University community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the college transitioned to its current designation as Oxford College in 1964,
6 becoming a two-year liberal arts institution dedicated to providing a rigorous academic
7 foundation for its students; and
- 8 WHEREAS, located in Oxford, Georgia, Oxford College offers students a unique educational
9 experience that combines the benefits of a close-knit campus environment with the vast
10 resources of a world-renowned research university; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Oxford College plays a vital role in the Newton County economy, contributing
12 more than \$80 million annually, attracting over 12,000 visitors, and supporting over 520
13 local jobs and 1,500 jobs statewide; and

14 WHEREAS, students at Oxford College are deeply engaged in community service,
15 partnering with more than 65 local organizations, nonprofits, civic groups, and educational
16 institutions to contribute over 13,000 volunteer hours each year; and

17 WHEREAS, Oxford College has remained steadfast in its commitment to academic
18 excellence, fostering an environment where students benefit from close faculty interactions,
19 personalized learning experiences, and a strong sense of community; and

20 WHEREAS, the college has upheld a tradition of intellectual growth, resilience, and service,
21 shaping students who not only excel academically but also develop socially and personally
22 through meaningful engagement with their peers and the wider world; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished academic institution
24 be appropriately honored during this special time.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize March 4, 2025, as Oxford Day at the state capitol and commend Oxford College
27 for its rich history, academic excellence, and ongoing contributions to Newton County, the
28 State of Georgia, and beyond.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Oxford College.