

## Senate Resolution 707

By: Senators Burns of the 23rd, Rhett of the 33rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Anderson of the 43rd, Parkes of the 7th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State University; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, founded in 1913, is a premier R1 research university  
3 focused on academic excellence and career-readiness for more than 53,000 students; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia State University operates its flagship campus in downtown Atlanta  
5 with satellite campuses in DeKalb, Fulton, and Newton counties; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has been ranked the nation's number one public  
7 university for excellence in undergraduate teaching by U.S. News & World Report for six  
8 consecutive years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has been ranked a top-five "Most Innovative" public  
10 university in the country by U.S. News & World Report for 11 consecutive years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is recognized as a national leader in student success  
12 and has, since 2003, raised its four- and six-year graduation rates by 20 percentage points;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is undergoing a bold campus transformation to create  
15 a vibrant, accessible and connected college town, linked by the 3.7-mile GSU Blue Line; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has invested more than \$1.88 billion in research over  
17 the past 10 years; and

18 WHEREAS, construction of Georgia State University's new, nine-story, \$100 million  
19 Research Tower is slated for completion in late spring 2026, further expanding its capacity  
20 for innovation and discovery; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia State University announced \$6 million in funding from Google to  
22 collaborate on the establishment of the new GSU AI Innovation Lab, expanding access to  
23 computer science and artificial intelligence education for students in Atlanta and across  
24 Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia State University opened the new Student Success Center anchored in  
26 part by the National Institute for Student Success, consolidating a number of student services  
27 under one roof; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia State University Athletics posted a historic academic performance  
29 during the spring 2025 semester, achieving a record-breaking 3.38 cumulative GPA across  
30 all programs; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's highly active research community earned nearly  
32 \$186 million in research funding in fiscal year 2024; and

33 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has a \$3.2 billion annual economic impact on Georgia;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has adopted a 10-year strategic plan, BluePrint to  
36 2033, focused on four pillars: Student Success 2.0; Identity, Placemaking and Belonging;  
37 Innovating Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity; and Beyond College to Career; and

38 WHEREAS, 16 of 20 initiatives set forth in the BluePrint to 2033 strategic plan are now in  
39 the implementation phase.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
41 recognize and commend Georgia State University for its all-around success in 2025 and the  
42 pride and prestige it brought to the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Georgia State  
43 University.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia State  
46 University.