

## Senate Resolution 953

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Lucas of the 26th, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Howard of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Black Legislative Leaders Network HBCU Caucus Legislative Summit; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Black Legislative Leaders Network is a national coalition of Black state  
4 legislative leaders and policy partners committed to advancing policies that strengthen  
5 communities through education, economic opportunity, and civic leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, the Black Legislative Leaders Network works to connect state legislators,  
7 higher education institutions, philanthropic leaders, and the private sector in order to develop  
8 innovative public policies that expand opportunity and strengthen state economies; and

9 WHEREAS, recognizing the historic importance of Historically Black Colleges and  
10 Universities, the organization established the BLLN HBCU Caucus initiative to strengthen  
11 the partnership between state legislatures and HBCU institutions across the United States and  
12 to support policies that ensure their continued growth and success; and

13 WHEREAS, HBCUs have played a transformative role in American history by educating  
14 generations of leaders in public service, business, science, education, and civic life while  
15 serving as engines of economic mobility and innovation; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is home to some of the nation's most respected HBCUs,  
17 including Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse  
18 School of Medicine, Albany State University, Savannah State University, Fort Valley State  
19 University, and Paine College, institutions that collectively contribute billions of dollars in  
20 economic impact and prepare thousands of students each year for leadership roles across the  
21 nation; and

22 WHEREAS, the Black Legislative Leaders Network HBCU Caucus Legislative Summit will  
23 convene state legislators from across the United States, HBCU presidents and leadership,  
24 corporate partners, policy organizations, and philanthropic leaders in Atlanta, Georgia, from  
25 March 26 through March 28, 2026; and

26 WHEREAS, the summit will focus on strengthening legislative support for HBCUs,  
27 advancing workforce development partnerships, promoting innovation and research  
28 collaboration, and elevating the economic impact of HBCUs within their states and  
29 communities; and

30 WHEREAS, hosting this national gathering in Atlanta highlights Georgia's historic  
31 leadership in Black higher education and its continued role as a national center for  
32 scholarship, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 commend the Black Legislative Leaders Network for its leadership and recognize the  
35 importance of its HBCU Caucus Legislative Summit being held in Atlanta, Georgia, on  
36 March 26–28, 2026.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body extend their appreciation to  
38 the summit organizers, participating legislators, university leaders, and partners whose work  
39 strengthens Historically Black Colleges and Universities and expands opportunities for future  
40 generations of students and leaders.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
43 press.