

## House Resolution 1177

By: Representatives Neal of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Bell of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>,  
Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton State University and recognizing February 20, 2024, as Clayton State  
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clayton State University is an institution committed to its role as a Steward of  
4 Place as well as an engaged university focused on learning and enriched by active  
5 community involvement; and

6 WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, Dr. Georj L. Lewis was named the sixth permanent  
7 president of Clayton State University; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2023, Clayton State University was ranked 23rd in the nation in the list of  
9 top social mobility performers by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2022, Clayton State University was ranked by *James Magazine* as the No.  
11 3 best value in Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* listed Clayton State University as No. 34  
13 among the nation's four-year public universities for graduating the highest percentage of  
14 students who complete their degree in their fifth or sixth year; and

15 WHEREAS, students in the Clayton State University School of Nursing recently earned a  
16 95.83 percent pass rate on the NCLEX nursing board exam; and

17 WHEREAS, Clayton State University also educates students studying for a bachelor's degree  
18 in nursing at its satellite campus in Peachtree City; and

19 WHEREAS, Clayton State University is one of only two institutions in the State of Georgia  
20 to offer a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene; and

21 WHEREAS, students and faculty in the Clayton State University dental hygiene program  
22 provide dental care to more than 2,000 individuals in an on-campus clinic; and

23 WHEREAS, more than 92 percent of Clayton State University students are from the State  
24 of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Spivey Hall on the campus of Clayton State University continues to be an  
26 internationally recognized concert hall; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2022, Clayton State University began offering a Master of Science in data  
28 science; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2022, Clayton State University began offering a Master of Science in cyber  
30 technology; and

31 WHEREAS, Clayton State University had an economic output impact in Fiscal Year 2022  
32 of more than \$307 million; and

33 WHEREAS, the Clayton State University men's soccer team recently won the 2023 Peach  
34 Belt regular season conference championship; and

35 WHEREAS, Clayton State Athletics ranked fourth nationally in NCAA Division II for  
36 community service hours; and

37 WHEREAS, Clayton State Director of Public Safety John Keener was recognized by  
38 Governor Brian Kemp with the Governor's Public Safety Award for Acts of Heroism.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
40 the members of this body commend Clayton State University and recognize February 20,  
41 2024, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
44 President Georj L. Lewis; Dr. Dwayne Hooks, Dean of the College of Health and Interim  
45 Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Jacob Chacko, Dean of the College of Business;  
46 Dr. Ebrahim Khosravi, Dean of the College of Information & Mathematical Sciences; and  
47 Mr. Lazarus Thompson, President of the Student Government Association.