

## House Resolution 1572

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Dr. Virginia M. Carson, President of South Georgia State College; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Virginia M. Carson served as the president of the former South Georgia  
4 College since February 1, 2009, after serving as the interim president since March 1, 2008,  
5 and she became the president of South Georgia State College in January, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Carson holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and  
7 a master's degree and a doctorate degree from Georgia State University, all in mathematics  
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, her previous positions include serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs  
10 at Georgia Highlands College from 2001 to 2009; Dean for Academic Services for Georgia  
11 Perimeter College's Clarkston campus from 2000 to 2001; a Fellow of the American Council  
12 on Education (ACE) at Northern Virginia Community College from 1999 to 2000;  
13 Department Chair of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Engineering on Georgia  
14 Perimeter's Clarkston campus from 1997 to 2000; and Professor of Mathematics from 1986  
15 to 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, she led the institution through a successful consolidation of the former  
17 Waycross College and the former South Georgia College, and the College has received  
18 SACS Commission of Colleges approval for consolidation, the addition of undergraduate  
19 degrees, and decennial accreditation as a new institution with no recommendations under her  
20 leadership; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Carson has received a great deal of recognition and awards, including the  
22 2009 Douglas Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award, the 2009 Douglas-Coffee County  
23 Chamber of Commerce Jackie Wilson Women in Leadership Award, and the 2012

24 Distinguished Citizen of Coffee County Award by the Alapaha Boy Scout Council, and she  
25 received a Fulbright for International Education in Germany in 2004; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2013, the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society presented Dr. Carson  
27 with the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for college presidents, and she was  
28 appointed to serve on the Presidential Advisory Board in 2015; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Carson served as the president of the National Association of Community  
30 College Teacher Education Programs, as a member of the board of directors of the Fulbright  
31 Academy of Science and Technology from 2011 to 2013, on the SACS Commission on  
32 College Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2010, and as editor of *The AMATYC Review*, which  
33 is the refereed mathematics journal of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year  
34 Colleges; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
36 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Virginia M. Carson, President of  
39 South Georgia State College, for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
40 service to the State of Georgia and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued  
41 health and happiness.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
44 Virginia M. Carson.