

## House Resolution 207

By: Representative Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 13, 2019, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol; and for
- 2 other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University was established in 1988 upon the consolidation of its
- 4 two parent institutions Atlanta University, established in 1865, and Clark College,
- 5 established in 1869; and
  
- 6 WHEREAS, the university's four colleges offer 38 academic programs to roughly 4,000
- 7 students each year, making a valuable contribution to the future workforce and leadership of
- 8 Georgia; and
  
- 9 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Cancer Research and
- 10 Therapeutic Development, and, as such, is the only Historically Black Colleges and
- 11 Universities (HBCU) member of the Georgia Research Alliance in addition to being the
- 12 nation's largest academic prostate cancer research center; and as a result of its breakthrough
- 13 research, presently has three patents and patents pending; and
  
- 14 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of Jazz 91.9 FM-WCLK, an NPR affiliate,
- 15 and is Metro Atlanta community's only jazz radio station and this year celebrates 45 years
- 16 of service to the community; and
  
- 17 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of one of the nation's most prolific
- 18 undergraduate Mass Media Arts program, responsible for nurturing talent such as Sheldon
- 19 "Spike" Lee, Kenya Barris, Jacque Reed, and Bryan Michael Cox; and
  
- 20 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Functional Nanoscale
- 21 Materials, the Center for Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation, the Center for
- 22 Biomedical and Bimolecular Research, and the Center for Cyberspace and Information

23 Assurance, all pushing at the boundaries of cutting-edge science, technology, innovation, and  
24 discovery in meaningful and profound ways; and

25 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Innovation and  
26 Entrepreneurship Development, one of the nation's most progressive forums integrating  
27 traditional academics, market research, and intelligence and innovation to increase the level  
28 of competitiveness among Clark graduates and local entrepreneurs; and

29 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the only private historically black university to host  
30 a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, America's most prestigious honor society for all academic  
31 disciplines, in addition to Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor  
32 Society, and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, as well as several discipline-specific honor  
33 societies; and

34 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is an important contributor to local, regional, and  
35 national communities, engaging more than 1,000 student and faculty volunteers annually in  
36 service to local nonprofit organizations, supporting the educational systems of Fulton,  
37 DeKalb, Cobb, Rockdale, and nearby counties, and continues to reach beyond the campus  
38 footprint to address critical issues through peaceful, educational means in communities  
39 stretching from hurricane-stricken Houston, Texas, to Paris, France, to Beijing, China, and  
40 myriad points in between; and

41 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University has produced stellar alumni who constitute  
42 irreplaceable threads in the fabric of America, including: Ralph David Abernathy, Mary  
43 Frances Early, James Weldon Johnson, John Rosamond, Kenny Leon, Amy Sherald, Bomani  
44 Jones, Tharon Johnson, and of course, State Representative Sheila Jones and State Senator  
45 Horacena Tate and, is now under the leadership of its Interim President Lucille Mauge, who  
46 is applying her considerable expertise, wisdom, and passion for students toward Mobilizing  
47 for the Future.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
49 the members of this body recognize and commend Clark Atlanta University, Mrs. Lucille  
50 Mauge, the university faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends for their many years of  
51 dedicated service to the higher education of Georgia's citizens and for attracting young  
52 scholars from across the nation to our great state.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
54 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Clark  
55 Atlanta University and Mrs. Lucille Mauge.