

## House Resolution 270

By: Representatives Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Parsons of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Ballinger of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kennesaw State University and recognizing February 16, 2017, as Kennesaw  
2 State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University was chartered in 1963 by the Board of Regents of  
4 the University System of Georgia and then consolidated with Southern Polytechnic State  
5 University in 2015, Kennesaw State University has become a destination campus, where  
6 more than 5,200 students live in eight distinctive residential communities in Kennesaw and  
7 Marietta; and

8 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University is now Georgia's third-largest university with a  
9 record-breaking enrollment of 35,018 graduate and undergraduate students housed on two  
10 metro Atlanta campuses during the Fall 2016 semester; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2016, Kennesaw State was elevated to an R3 classification - a doctoral  
12 institution with moderate research activity - by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of  
13 Higher Learning, offering more than 150 undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University has seen rapid rise in external funding for basic  
15 research, from \$4.3 million in 2006 to more than \$50 million over the past five years, leading  
16 to new knowledge and discoveries by faculty and hands-on opportunities for students; and

17 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University is one of the 50 largest public institutions in the  
18 country with an alumni network over 100,000 strong worldwide with an economic impact  
19 on the local and regional economy of more than \$1.3 billion; and

20 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State's NCAA Division I athletics program includes eight men's  
21 varsity sports teams and 10 women's varsity sports teams, with multiple national, regional  
22 and conference championships in baseball, softball, soccer and men's basketball; and

23 WHEREAS, after serving as Attorney General for the State of Georgia, Mr. Samuel S. Olens  
24 became the fourth president of Kennesaw State University on November 1, 2016; and

25 WHEREAS, President Olens is joined today by representatives of the undergraduate and  
26 graduate student body, faculty senate and staff senate representatives and alumni for KSU  
27 Day at the state capitol.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Kennesaw State University and recognize February 16,  
30 2017, as Kennesaw State University Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
33 President Samuel S. Olens; Dr. Ken Harmon, Provost and Vice President for Academic  
34 Affairs; Ms. Victoria Brock, President of the Student Government Association; Sanjoosh  
35 Akkineni, President of Graduate Student Association; Dr. Humayun Zafar, Faculty Senate  
36 President; Ms. Kathy Rechsteiner, Staff Senate President; and Ms. Amanda D. Seals,  
37 Associate Vice President for Government Relations.