

House Resolution 570

By: Representatives Bell of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Kaiser of the 59th, Gardner of the 57th, Thomas of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Atlanta Metropolitan State College and recognizing March 18, 2015, as
2 Atlanta Metropolitan State College Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia authorized the
4 establishment of a junior college serving the west metropolitan area of Atlanta in June, 1965;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Atlanta School Board was authorized to develop a
7 financial plan to build this new college in February, 1971, and in February, 1973, the Board
8 of Regents authorized the plans and specifications for phase one of the construction; and

9 WHEREAS, construction on this college's first building began in 1973 and was completed
10 in August, 1974, and a month later, this 31st institution of the University System of Georgia
11 commenced classes with an initial enrollment of 504 students; and

12 WHEREAS, this college was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and
13 Schools in 1976, construction of the Central Energy Plant was completed in the 1976-1977
14 academic year, and two multi-level academic buildings were built during the 1978-1979
15 academic year; and

16 WHEREAS, this institution changed its name from Atlanta Junior College to Atlanta
17 Metropolitan College during the 1987-1988 academic year, a new Health and Physical
18 Education Complex opened its doors during the 1991-1992 academic year, and a new
19 Student Center was completed during the fall 2000 semester; and

20 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents authorized Atlanta Metropolitan College to move from
21 being a two-year college to become a state college on May 10, 2011, and the Southern
22 Association of Colleges and Schools followed their lead and reclassified this college from

23 a Level I to a Level II institution, which authorized it to offer four-year programs and
24 bachelor's degrees; and

25 WHEREAS, in spring of 2012, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
26 approved a request to change the name of the institution from Atlanta Metropolitan College
27 to Atlanta Metropolitan State College.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Atlanta Metropolitan State College for its growth and
30 success and recognize March 18, 2015, as Atlanta Metropolitan State College Day at the
31 capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Atlanta
34 Metropolitan State College.