

Senate Resolution 103

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Millar of the 40th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Hill of the 6th, Unterman of the 45th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia State University and recognizing February 4, 2015, as Georgia State
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, founded in 1913, is a premier urban research
4 university focused on research, service, and advanced educational opportunities for more
5 than 32,000 students; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has granted about 200,000 degrees since 1913 and
7 now offers 250 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 fields of study
8 in its eight colleges and schools; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia State University remains a national leader in graduating students from
10 widely diverse backgrounds, and continues to share best practices with colleges and
11 universities across the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia State University generates an annual economic impact of \$1.5 billion
13 to the state and attracts world renowned faculty and researchers with more than \$81 million
14 in research awards; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia State University continues to expand its footprint in the downtown
16 Atlanta area with the construction of a new law school, a second research building, and a
17 1,100-bed housing facility; and

18 WHEREAS, once approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia,
19 Georgia State University will consolidate with Georgia Perimeter College, providing
20 exemplary higher education to about 54,000 students and becoming the 12th largest
21 university in the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's Athletics Department has 16 NCAA Division I teams
23 competing in the Sun Belt Conference, earning conference titles in 2014 in men's basketball,
24 men's golf, and women's tennis, and it leads the Sun Belt Conference in the graduation
25 success rate; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is a powerful force for progress in Georgia, educating
27 students and advancing research while revitalizing Atlanta through a long-standing and
28 strong commitment to the community; and

29 WHEREAS, this body counts five members who have graduated from this fine institution;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, the President, students, faculty, and alumni of this fine institution are welcomed
32 to the Gold Dome for Georgia State University Day at the state capitol.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Georgia State University for providing exemplary education for more than a
35 century and recognize February 4, 2015, as Georgia State University Day at the state capitol.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia State
38 University Student Government Association.