

Senate Resolution 1241

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted unanimously
3 on June 21, 2013, in naming Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith as the ninth president of Fort Valley State
4 University; and

5 WHEREAS, a political scientist, Dr. Griffith served earlier as a professor of political science,
6 provost, and senior vice president at York College of the City University of New York; and

7 WHEREAS, his notable achievements at the City University of New York include growing
8 the full-time faculty by 30 percent over four years, re-organizing the academic division into
9 three schools, enhancing the research and scholarly climate by creating a Provost Lecture
10 Series and a companion Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series, recognizing and rewarding
11 research and scholarship, and establishing an undergraduate student research program; and

12 WHEREAS, before becoming York College's provost in 2007, Dr. Griffith was professor of
13 political science and budget dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida International
14 University (FIU), dean of the Honors College at FIU, and provost at Radford University in
15 Virginia; and

16 WHEREAS, President Griffith holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences, with distinction
17 in political science, from the University of Guyana, a master's degree in political science and
18 public administration from Long Island University, and both a Master of Philosophy degree
19 and a Ph.D. in political science from the City University of New York Graduate School; he
20 is also a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's program in educational
21 leadership; and

22 WHEREAS, deeply committed to the intellectual enterprise, Dr. Griffith is a specialist on
23 Caribbean security, drugs, and crime; he has published seven books and more than 50 articles

24 in various scholarly journals; and his eighth book, *Challenged Sovereignty*, will be published
25 in 2014 by the University of Illinois Press; and

26 WHEREAS, President Griffith has been a consultant to Canada's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
27 and International Trade, USAID, and other agencies, and he has testified before the United
28 States Congress on Caribbean security issues; and

29 WHEREAS, recently, he was one of 45 experts from across the Americas invited by the
30 Secretary General of the Organization of American States to review the hemisphere's
31 narcotics policies and practices and propose antinarcotics scenarios through 2025; and

32 WHEREAS, President Griffith served on the National Steering Committee of AASCU's Red
33 Balloon Project and briefly as convener of its Provosts of Color Caucus; and

34 WHEREAS, he has served on the vestry of St. George's Episcopal Church in Hempstead,
35 Long Island, and as chair of their Ambassador Program and Education Committee, was a
36 member of the 100 Black Men of Long Island, and was a trustee of the Jamaica Center for
37 Arts and Learning.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 recognize and commend Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith for being named Fort Valley State
40 University's ninth president and express to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
41 success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith.