

Senate Resolution 619

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clark Atlanta University for its contributions to the city and the state and
2 recognizing March 14-18, 2022, as Founders' Week at Clark Atlanta University; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Atlanta University was founded on September 19, 1865, three months following
5 the conclusion of the Civil War, as the first HBCU in the South; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta University was the nation's first graduate institution to award degrees
7 to African Americans in the nation as well as the first to award bachelor's degrees to African
8 Americans in the South; and

9 WHEREAS, Clark University was founded in 1869 and was the nation's first four-year
10 liberal arts college to serve African American students; and

11 WHEREAS, these two historic HBCUs consolidated in 1988 to form Clark Atlanta
12 University, now one of the nation's foremost institutions offering bachelor's, master's, and
13 doctoral degrees in 38 areas of study; and

14 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta is a culturally diverse, research-intensive liberal arts institution
15 that prepares and transforms the lives of students by delivering education that is accessible,
16 relevant, and transformative; and

17 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta has been home to many influential figures in American history,
18 including Ralph Abernathy, Marvin S. Arrington Sr., Hank Johnson, and Evelyn Lowery;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta celebrates Founders Week from March 14-18, 2022, with events
21 and activities to celebrate achievements and look back over the history of the institution; and

22 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta is an institution that merits recognition for its many decades of
23 nurturing and educating the best and brightest young minds in the heart of Atlanta.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize March 14-18, 2022, as Founders' Week at Clark Atlanta University and encourage
26 all parents and students to learn more about the university and consider the many educational
27 opportunities it offers.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Clark Atlanta
30 University.