

Senate Resolution 64

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 10, 2015, as Georgia College Day at the state capitol and celebrating
2 Georgia College & State University's Quasquicentennial; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on November 8, 1889, an act by the Georgia General Assembly creating
4 Georgia Normal and Industrial College was signed into law; and

5 WHEREAS, this venerable Milledgeville institution has been known by many names over
6 the last 125 years, including Georgia State College for Women, the Women's College of
7 Georgia, and now Georgia College & State University; and

8 WHEREAS, since 1996, Georgia College & State University has served the entire state as
9 Georgia's designated public liberal arts university and currently has an enrollment of 6,772
10 undergraduate and graduate students from all parts of Georgia as well as other states and
11 nations; and

12 WHEREAS, the four colleges of the university offer over 60 bachelor's, master's, and
13 doctoral degree programs through a faculty of more than 400 and has been consistently
14 recognized by organizations such as *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best regional
15 universities in the South; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia College & State University fills a vital role in the University System
17 of Georgia and the Complete College Georgia initiative to make certain that Georgia has the
18 highly educated workforce it needs for the future by ensuring access and affordability while
19 maintaining high academic value and quality of programs; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia College & State University's excellence also extends beyond the
21 classroom as the university was named one of the five recipients of the 2014 Higher
22 Education Civic Engagement Award given annually by The Washington Center and the New

23 York Life Foundation to institutions to recognize their dedication to civic engagement
24 through partnerships that address a public concern; and

25 WHEREAS, through its teaching, research, and service, Georgia College & State University
26 has enriched the lives of generations of students and produced graduates, such as noted
27 Georgia author Flannery O'Connor and Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal, who have made
28 significant contributions in Milledgeville, throughout the State of Georgia, across the nation,
29 and abroad.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize February 10, 2015, as Georgia College Day at the state capitol and commend
32 Georgia College & State University and its faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends for
33 125 years of dedicated service to the people of the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia College &
36 State University.