

Senate Resolution 663

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of
2 Technology, and Georgia State University for their contributions to higher education; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia is composed of 26 public institutions with a
5 current enrollment of more than 333,000 students and has a significant educational, research,
6 and community presence in all 159 counties of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia, one of the largest employers in Georgia
8 generating more than 168,000 jobs and a \$17.7 billion economic output impact, is committed
9 to graduating more students who are prepared for today's workforce challenges, making a
10 college degree an affordable goal and accomplishment, and being good stewards of the state's
11 investment in higher education; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's four public research universities include the University of Georgia,
13 Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University, all
14 working to educate future teachers, engineers, researchers, healthcare professionals, industry
15 experts, and civic leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of the American system of public
17 higher education, having been granted a charter by the Georgia General Assembly on January
18 27, 1785, and is a comprehensive land-grant and sea-grant research institution that is
19 committed to advancing its missions of teaching, research, and service; it serves an
20 enrollment of nearly 39,000 students—of whom 88 percent of undergraduate students are
21 Georgia residents—through 17 schools and colleges with 96 percent of graduates employed
22 or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation, and it enjoys the support of
23 more than 324,000 living alumni, most of whom reside in the State of Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia contributes an annual estimated economic impact of
25 \$6.5 billion on the State of Georgia through creating innovative technology to promote
26 business development, preparing students to be leaders in their fields, and providing training
27 that helps communities, entrepreneurs, and small businesses thrive; it has been recognized
28 as a leader in technology commercialization—named the number one university in new
29 products reaching the market and the number four institution for the number of intellectual
30 property licenses executed—and has reached record levels of research and development
31 expenditures, totaling \$453 million; and

32 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's health sciences university and is a growing
33 national center for cybersecurity education; a comprehensive research institution graduating
34 high-impact leaders in STEM, the liberal arts, education, and business; home to the state's
35 only dental and public medical colleges and the prime provider of Georgia's medical
36 practitioners; a discovery-to-treatment environment with a \$100 million research investment
37 in cancer, neuroscience, stroke, cardiac care, and more; home to the Georgia Cancer Center
38 and Children's Hospital of Georgia; and dedicated to improving the health of all Georgians
39 no matter where they live; and

40 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's innovation center for education and healthcare,
41 training the next generation of innovators, leaders, and healthcare providers in classrooms
42 and clinics in Augusta, Rome, Albany, Savannah, Brunswick, and hundreds of clinical sites
43 across the state; more than 9,000 students choose Augusta for educational opportunities at
44 the center of Georgia's new cybersecurity hub and for experiential learning that blends arts
45 and application and humanities and the health sciences; Augusta is home to Georgia's only
46 public academic health center, where groundbreaking research is creating a healthier, more
47 prosperous Georgia, and world-class clinicians are bringing the medicine of tomorrow to
48 patient care today; and

49 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving over 36,000 students as the
50 number five public university in the nation, having a \$3.4 billion annual economic impact
51 on the state, recently assisting more than 1,000 Georgia manufacturing companies, and
52 creating or saving more than 2,500 jobs in Georgia, is the number three public university in
53 the nation for annualized return on investment in higher education; and

54 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology has a \$1 billion research enterprise and is
55 committed to bringing its tremendous research and faculty expertise to solve Georgia's
56 pressing challenges; and

57 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology is preparing students with the skills for
58 modern success in the 21st century tech-driven market, including the fields of engineering,
59 computing, science, business, design, and liberal arts; and

60 WHEREAS, with six campuses throughout metro Atlanta, Georgia State University provides
61 its world-class faculty and more than 53,000 students with unsurpassed connections to the
62 opportunities available in one of the 21st century's great global cities. A national leader in
63 graduating students from diverse backgrounds, Georgia State provides a rich experience with
64 award-winning housing, hundreds of student clubs and organizations, and one of the most
65 diverse student bodies in the country. Over the past ten years, Georgia State has been
66 distinguished by the tremendous expansion of research programs, more than doubling
67 research funding and expenditures. Georgia State has emerged as the nation's third
68 fastest-growing research university, among those with over \$100 million in annual research
69 expenditures and research funding exceeding \$100 million for five years in a row.

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
71 commend the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of
72 Technology, and Georgia State University for their exemplary efforts and commitment to
73 higher education in Georgia.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
75 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the student
76 government associations of these fine institutions.