

Senate Resolution 685

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jeffares of the 17th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton State University and recognizing January 12, 2016, as Clayton State
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clayton State University provides access to an affordable, quality education,
4 helping students to make dreams real; and

5 WHEREAS, Clayton State is ranked number one for best value in Georgia higher education
6 by *James* magazine for the second consecutive year; and

7 WHEREAS, for the second consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Reports* ranked the
8 university in the Top 10 Regional Public Colleges in the South, the only university system
9 institution to appear in this category; and

10 WHEREAS, for the fourth straight year, Clayton State has been named one of the Top 150
11 Workplaces in Atlanta by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and is the only institution of
12 higher education to be ranked among the Top 25 large companies; and

13 WHEREAS, Clayton State experienced a record number of applications that begat a record
14 number of new freshman and a record number of graduate students; and

15 WHEREAS, a record number of Move On When Ready students enrolled for the fall 2015
16 semester; a total of 644 high school students attend college classes in one of three locations
17 in Henry, Fayette, and Clayton counties, an increase of more than 18 percent since last year;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Clayton State offers the only associate's degree in film production and will
20 continue to offer economical noncredit courses in film production, a program that has placed
21 dozens of workers with several film projects over the past two years; and

22 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents approved and Clayton State has implemented a
23 curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Film Production, emphasizing postproduction
24 skills to prepare workers for the rapidly growing film industry in Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, the collaboration between credit and noncredit programs offers a variety of
26 paths for students to attain training and education to succeed in the film industry; and

27 WHEREAS, the School of Nursing's online degree is recognized as a top 20 institution for
28 2015-16; five faculty members of the School of Nursing were named as finalists, the most
29 number of finalists from any school; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Jennell Charles of the School of Nursing received the 2015 March of Dimes
31 Nurse of the Year Award in the category of Academic Education; and

32 WHEREAS, the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Class of 2015 received a 100 percent pass
33 rate on the regional dental testing exam, the second straight year this feat was accomplished,
34 and provided dental hygiene services for more than 3,000 patients at their on-campus dental
35 hygiene clinic; and

36 WHEREAS, Ms. Joyellen Freeman has been selected as a 2015-16 Society of American
37 Archivists Mosaic Scholar, one of two awarded annually; and

38 WHEREAS, the WebBSIT online degree program, offered by the consortium of Clayton
39 State, Georgia Southern, Columbus State, and Georgia Southwestern, is the best online
40 computer science degree in the country; and

41 WHEREAS, senior women's soccer midfielder, Maria Marti Bartis, became only the second
42 CoSIDA Academic All-American in the history of Clayton State athletics when she earned
43 first-team honors in November; and

44 WHEREAS, the Human Resource Leadership MBA offered by the College of Business is
45 recognized as fully aligned with the Society for Human Resource Management standards and
46 was named a Top Ten Most Affordable Program in the United States by
47 HumanResourcesMBA.net; and

48 WHEREAS, the *Military Advanced Education & Transition* magazine chose Clayton State
49 as a top school, providing veterans with a quality education and best practices for financial
50 aid, support, and flexibility; and

51 WHEREAS, Spivey Hall, one of the finest concert facilities in the world, is celebrating its
52 twenty-fifth season featuring world renowned performers.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
54 commend Clayton State University and recognize January 12, 2016, as Clayton State
55 University Day at the state capitol.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
57 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to President Thomas
58 J. Hynes; Dr. Lila Roberts, Dean of College of Information and Mathematical Sciences; Dr.
59 Lisa Eichelberger, Dean of College of Health; Dr. Nasser Momayezi, Dean of College of
60 Arts and Sciences; and Ms. Destiny Battle, President of the Student Government Association.