

Senate Resolution 780

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Hodges of the 3rd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State University; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, founded in 1913, is a premier urban research  
3 university focused on research, service, and advanced educational opportunities for almost  
4 50,000 students; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is an enterprising public research university in  
6 downtown Atlanta with satellite campuses in DeKalb, Fulton, and Newton counties; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has been ranked the nation's number one public  
8 university for excellence in undergraduate teaching by *U.S. News and World Report* for four  
9 consecutive years; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, the largest public research university in the state,  
11 continues its important role of producing new knowledge that transforms lives and  
12 communities thanks to a research portfolio that has invested more than \$1.2 billion in  
13 research expenditures over the past six years; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is recognized as a national leader in helping students  
15 reach their academic goals and has raised its four-year graduation rate by 21.4 percentage  
16 points and its six-year graduation rate by 23 percentage points since 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, a national leader in graduating students from widely  
18 diverse backgrounds, has been named the second "most innovative" university by *U.S. News*  
19 *and World Report* for three consecutive years; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's National Institute for Student Success (NISS)  
21 received a \$4.96 million grant from the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation that will enable the  
22 institute to provide its services to more colleges and universities, with a focus on those  
23 serving students under represented in higher education; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education (DOE) has awarded the National  
25 Institute for Student Success (NISS) at Georgia State University a \$7.6 million grant to study  
26 how chatbots can improve student outcomes in foundational college math and English  
27 courses; and

28 WHEREAS, nearly 500 Georgia State University student-athletes achieved academic honors  
29 for the 2023 spring and fall semesters, including 101 student-athletes who earned President's  
30 List recognition for a semester grade point average of 4.0 or higher; and

31 WHEREAS, the Georgia State University football team won its third straight bowl game  
32 with a dominating 45-22 victory over Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; and

33 WHEREAS, Georgia State University continues its important role in addressing critical  
34 quality of life issues through a highly active research community dedicated to uncovering

35 new knowledge in cancer, heart disease, mental health, public health, and more with a  
36 research portfolio that topped \$223 million; and

37 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has a \$2.9 billion economic impact on metro Atlanta  
38 each year; and

39 WHEREAS, in 2023, the university adopted a ten-year strategic plan focused on four  
40 initiatives: student success; identity and place making; innovative research; and college to  
41 career.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
43 recognize and commend Georgia State University for its all-around success in 2023 and the  
44 pride and prestige it brought to the students, staff, and alumni of Georgia State University.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
46 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia State  
47 University.