

Senate Resolution 851

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Unterman of the 45th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia State University and recognizing February 3, 2016, as Georgia State
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Georgia State University celebrates the successful consolidation with Georgia
7 Perimeter College this year, becoming the largest public university in Georgia and one of the
8 largest in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia State University, a national leader in graduating students from widely
10 diverse backgrounds, has been named the 5th "most innovative" university by *U.S. News and*
11 *World Report*; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has achieved this prestigious distinction by a
13 combination of strategic investment of well-trained advisers and predictive analytics to
14 optimize student success and increase graduation rates by 22 percentage points in the last
15 decade, one of the most dramatic increases in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia State University continues its important role in addressing critical
17 quality of life issues, such as cancer, obesity, inflammation, vaccination, and public health,
18 with a research portfolio that topped \$101 million and an increase in federal sponsorship
19 by 21 percent, all achieved just 20 years after being designated a research institution; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia State University continues to expand its footprint in the downtown
21 Atlanta area with the construction of new residential housing, a second research building, and
22 plans to further develop a south campus just a few short blocks from the state capitol; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's student-athletes have achieved great success in sports
24 and in the classroom, competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball
25 tournament, the AutoNation Cure Bowl in football, winning two conference championship
26 titles, participating in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Beach Volleyball
27 National Championship, and leading the Sun Belt Conference in graduation success rate; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia State University is a powerful force for progress in Georgia, educating
29 students and advancing research while revitalizing Atlanta through a strong commitment to
30 the community; and

31 WHEREAS, this body counts six members who have graduated from this fine institution and
32 numerous alums and students who work in the capitol; and

33 WHEREAS, the President, students, faculty, and alumni of this fine institution are welcomed
34 to the Gold Dome for Georgia State University Day at the state capitol.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend Georgia State University on more than a century of providing exemplary education
37 and recognize February 3, 2016, as Georgia State University Day at the state capitol.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia State
40 University Student Government Association.