

Senate Resolution 9

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton State University and recognizing January 10, 2017, as Clayton State
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clayton State University cultivates an environment of engaged, experience
4 based learning, enriched by active community service, that prepares students of diverse ages
5 and backgrounds to succeed in their lives and careers; and

6 WHEREAS, in November 2016, Clayton State University unveiled Strategic Plan 2022, a
7 five-year plan marking the university's commitment to become a national model for
8 community engagement and student enrichment; to increase enrollment, graduation, and
9 retention rates; and to continue to align learning with workplace and professional
10 applications with a focus on career based learning; and

11 WHEREAS, Clayton State University was chosen as a top school for offering a supportive
12 educational environment to active service members and veterans in the 2017 Military
13 Advanced Education & Transition Guide to Colleges & Universities; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2016, Clayton State University was named one of the top workplaces in
15 metropolitan Atlanta by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for a sixth consecutive year and a
16 "Best Buy for Georgia Universities" by *James Magazine*; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the 2017 *U.S. News & World Report* Best College rankings,
18 Clayton State was ranked among the nation's top 140 universities in the South; and

19 WHEREAS, Clayton State rose to twelfth among Atlanta's 25 largest colleges and
20 universities and was also ranked seventh among the top 15 business schools in the
21 metropolitan area, with the highest enrollment in Master of Business Administration
22 programs, according to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*; and

23 WHEREAS, Clayton State is one of only three universities selected to partner with Quality
24 Care for Children to receive \$1.6 million to launch BOOST, a child care assistance program
25 to lessen the financial burden of child care costs for juniors and seniors; and

26 WHEREAS, the Lakeview Science and Discovery Center earned the 2016 Project
27 Achievement Award from the Construction Management Association of America's South
28 Atlantic Chapter for achievement in the practice of construction management; and

29 WHEREAS, Clayton State, in support of Governor Deal's reform of the criminal justice
30 system, hosted an ex-offender and returning citizens career fair and provided the facilities
31 used to support training for the Healing Communities of Georgia network to facilitate needed
32 healing from the effects of crime and incarceration; and

33 WHEREAS, Clayton State celebrates the notable achievements of Maia Kuhnen, who made
34 history as the first Clayton State student-athlete to be named one of 30 finalists for the
35 NCAA Woman of the Year Award; Alisa Kirk, Area Director for the UGA Small Business
36 Development Center at Clayton State University, who was named one of the top 25 women
37 of Atlanta by *Rolling Out* magazine; and Colleen Walters, a clinical professor in the School
38 of Nursing, who was named winner of the Clinical Novice Faculty Teaching Award by the
39 American Association of Colleges of Nursing for excellence and innovation in the teaching
40 of nursing; and

41 WHEREAS, during the 2016-2017 season, Spivey Hall is celebrating its 26th year with the
42 celebration of the 25th year of the grand Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, a custom-made
43 Fratelli Ruffatti pipe organ.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
45 commend Clayton State University and recognize January 10, 2017, as Clayton State
46 University Day at the state capitol.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to President Thomas
49 J. Hynes; Dr. Kevin Demmitt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Toni
50 Simmons, president of the Student Government Association; and Ms. Sharevius Dix,
51 legislative intern.