

Senate Resolution 136

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Williams of the 39th and James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 13, 2019, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol, and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University was established in 1988 upon the consolidation of its
4 two parent institutions Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869); and

5 WHEREAS, the University's four colleges offer 38 academic programs to roughly 4,000
6 students each year, making a valuable contribution to the future workforce and leadership of
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Cancer Research and
9 Therapeutic Development and, as such, is the only HBCU member of the Georgia Research
10 Alliance and operates one of the nation's largest academic prostate cancer research centers;
11 and as a result of its breakthrough research presently has three patents and patents pending;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of Jazz 91.9 FM-WCLK, the
14 metro-Atlanta community's jazz radio station and an NPR affiliate this year celebrating 45
15 years of service to the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of one of the nation's most prolific
17 undergraduate Mass Media Arts program, responsible for nurturing talent such as Sheldon
18 "Spike" Lee, Kenya Barris, Jacque Reed and Bryan Michael Cox; and

19 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Functional Nanoscale
20 Materials, the Center for Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation, the Center for
21 Biomedical and Bimolecular Research, and the Center for Cyberspace and Information
22 Assurance, all serving to advance the interest of boundaries of science, technology,
23 innovation and discovery in meaningful and profound ways; and

24 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the home of the Center for Innovation and
25 Entrepreneurship Development, one of the nation's most progressive forums integrating
26 traditional academics, market research and intelligence and innovation to increase the level
27 of competitiveness among CAU graduates and local entrepreneurs; and

28 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is the only private historically black university to host
29 a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, America's most prestigious honor society for all academic
30 disciplines, in addition to Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor
31 Society and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society as well as several discipline-specific honor
32 societies; and

33 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is an important contributor to local, regional, and
34 national communities, engaging more than 1,000 student and faculty volunteers annually in
35 service to local nonprofit organizations, supporting the educational systems of Fulton,
36 DeKalb, Cobb, Rockdale, and nearby counties, and continues to reach beyond the campus
37 footprint to address critical issues through peaceful, educational means in communities
38 stretching from Ferguson, Missouri to Charleston, South Carolina; and

39 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University has produced stellar alumni who constitute
40 irreplaceable threads in the fabric of America, including: Ralph David Abernathy, Mary
41 Frances Early, James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond, Kenny Leon, Amy Sherald,
42 Bomani Jones, Tharon Johnson, and of course, State Representative Shelia Jones and State
43 Senator Horacena Tate and, is now under the leadership of Interim President Lucille Mauge,
44 who is applying her considerable expertise, wisdom, and passion for students toward
45 Mobilizing for the Future.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
47 recognize and commend Clark Atlanta University, Mrs. Lucille Mauge, Interim President of
48 Clark Atlanta University, university faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends for their
49 many years of dedicated service to the higher education of Georgia's citizens and for
50 attracting young scholars from across the nation to our great state.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
52 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Clark Atlanta
53 University and Mrs. Lucille Mauge.