

## Senate Resolution 20

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Echols of the 49th, Burns of the 23rd, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the University of North Georgia upon its 150th anniversary;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1873, after several years of planning and effort, the North Georgia  
4 Agricultural College officially opened its doors with the central mission of providing free  
5 educational opportunities to the young men and women of northeast Georgia, many of whom  
6 could not afford to travel great distances for education; and

7 WHEREAS, the college began as a land grant university through a partnership with the  
8 University of Georgia and funding from the historic Morrill Land Grant Act; and

9 WHEREAS, because military education was a requirement of any institution receiving funds  
10 through the Morrill Act, 1873 also marks the beginning of the university's Corps of Cadets,  
11 and the university later earned a federal designation as one of only six senior military  
12 colleges in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, in its first year of classes, the college enrolled 98 men and 79 women at a time  
14 when most institutions did not even admit women; it would eventually become the first  
15 college in Georgia to grant a bachelor's degree to a woman; and

16 WHEREAS, known today as the University of North Georgia, this outstanding academic  
17 institution is a leading public regional university that serves nearly 19,000 students online  
18 and at campuses in Dahlonega, Gainesville, Oconee County, Cumming, and Blue Ridge; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to serving students from northeast Georgia, the university attracts  
20 students from nearly every county in Georgia as well as from more than 46 states and 87  
21 countries; and

22 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia grants more than 3,000 degrees each year and  
23 has an annual economic impact of more than \$755 million on the region; and

24 WHEREAS, this remarkable university has equipped generations of professional, civic, and  
25 military leaders to serve our region, our state, and our nation.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize and commend the University of North Georgia upon the grand occasion of its  
28 150th anniversary and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the University of  
31 North Georgia.