

Senate Resolution 638

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th,
Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clayton State University and recognizing February 20, 2024, as Clayton State
2 University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clayton State University is an institution committed to its role as a Steward of
4 Place as well as an engaged university focused on learning and enriched by active
5 community involvement; and

6 WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, Dr. Georj L. Lewis was named the sixth permanent
7 president of Clayton State University; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2023, Clayton State University was ranked 23rd in the nation in the list of
9 top social mobility performers by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2022, Clayton State University was ranked by *James Magazine* as the No.
11 3 best value in Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* listed Clayton State University as No. 34
13 among the nation's four-year public universities for graduating the highest percentage of
14 students who complete their degree in their fifth or sixth year; and

15 WHEREAS, students in the Clayton State University School of Nursing recently earned a
16 95.83 percent pass rate on the NCLEX nursing board exam; and

17 WHEREAS, Clayton State University also educates students studying for a bachelor's degree
18 in nursing at its satellite campus in Peachtree City; and

19 WHEREAS, Clayton State University is one of only two institutions in the State of Georgia
20 to offer a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene; and

21 WHEREAS, students and faculty in the Clayton State University dental hygiene program
22 provide dental care to more than 2,000 individuals in an on-campus clinic; and

23 WHEREAS, more than 92 percent of Clayton State University students are from the State
24 of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Spivey Hall on the campus of Clayton State University continues to be an
26 internationally recognized concert hall; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2022, Clayton State University began offering a Master of Science in data
28 science; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2022, Clayton State University began offering a Master of Science in cyber
30 technology; and

31 WHEREAS, Clayton State University had an economic output impact in Fiscal Year 2022
32 of more than \$307 million; and

33 WHEREAS, the Clayton State University men's soccer team recently won the 2023 Peach
34 Belt regular season conference championship; and

35 WHEREAS, Clayton State Athletics ranked fourth nationally in NCAA Division II for
36 community service hours; and

37 WHEREAS, Clayton State Director of Public Safety John Keener was recognized by
38 Governor Brian Kemp with the Governor's Public Safety Award for Acts of Heroism.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 commend Clayton State University and recognize February 20, 2024, as Clayton State
41 University Day at the state capitol.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to President Georj L.
44 Lewis; Dr. Dwayne Hooks, Dean of the College of Health and Interim Dean of the College
45 of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Jacob Chacko, Dean of the College of Business; Dr. Ebrahim
46 Khosravi, Dean of the College of Information & Mathematical Sciences; and Mr. Lazarus
47 Thompson, President of the Student Government Association.