

Senate Resolution 656

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd and Hickman of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Kennesaw State University upon its 60th anniversary and
2 Southern Polytechnic State University upon its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University was established in 1963 as Kennesaw Junior
4 College and later became Kennesaw College before attaining university status in 1996; it is
5 accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has grown to become
6 one of the largest public universities in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Southern Polytechnic State University was founded in 1948 and it stood as a
8 beacon of technological education and innovation for 75 years, providing cutting-edge
9 programs in engineering, architecture, computer science, and other applied sciences; and

10 WHEREAS, Southern Polytechnic State University played a crucial role in preparing
11 students for careers in technology, engineering, and industry, contributing to the workforce
12 with graduates who have excelled in their respective fields and made significant
13 advancements in research and development; and

14 WHEREAS, the consolidation of Southern Polytechnic State University with Kennesaw
15 State University in 2015 created a comprehensive institution that combined the strengths of

16 both entities, which now offers a broad spectrum of academic disciplines while maintaining
17 a commitment to hands-on applied learning; and

18 WHEREAS, the legacy of Southern Polytechnic State University continues to thrive within
19 Kennesaw State University, with its values of technological excellence and innovation
20 permeating the college's academic programs, research endeavors, and community
21 engagement initiatives; and

22 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University has continued to grow and now boasts enrollment
23 of more than 45,000 students across both campuses; and

24 WHEREAS, the 60th anniversary of Kennesaw State University and the 75th anniversary of
25 Southern Polytechnic State University provide an auspicious occasion to celebrate their
26 combined achievements, recognize their collective impact on higher education, and look
27 forward to a future of continued excellence.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 honor and commend Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University
30 upon the grand occasions of their 60th and 75th anniversaries respectively in recognition of
31 their significant contributions to education, technological innovation, and workforce
32 development.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
35 press.