

## Senate Resolution 70

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Echols of the 49th, Watson of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the University of Georgia Block and Bridle Club on the  
2 occasion of its 50th Great Southland Stampede Rodeo; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the first Great Southland Stampede Rodeo occurred in 1974 in the Stegeman  
4 Coliseum on the campus of the University of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the financial needs of the University of Georgia livestock judging team were  
6 far greater than the funds available or historically fund-raised for the student team members;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, members of the livestock judging team put their trucks, washing machines, and  
9 personal property up for collateral to fund the first rodeo, which proved to be an immense  
10 success and the start of a time-honored campus tradition; and

11 WHEREAS, students involved in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
12 have since hosted the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo annually with leadership,  
13 determination, work ethic, and exceptional character; and

14 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo is the largest student-run rodeo in the  
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo has provided thousands of members of  
17 the University of Georgia and the Greater Athens community with the opportunity to  
18 experience livestock, a rodeo, and an agricultural experience in a family-friendly  
19 environment; and

20 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo has given back thousands of dollars to  
21 worthwhile charities and student organizations and has annually provided local elementary  
22 school students with a special rodeo event; and

23 WHEREAS, the Great Southland Stampede Rodeo and its continued success for 50 years  
24 represent a tradition of excellence among current and past students involved in the Block and  
25 Bridle Club and livestock programs at the University of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of the  
27 remarkable Great Southland Stampede Rodeo be recognized appropriately on its 50th  
28 anniversary.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend the student leaders of the University of Georgia Block and Bridle  
31 Club and Great Southland Stampede Rodeo and extend their most sincere best wishes for  
32 continued prosperity, leadership, and impact on the University of Georgia, this state, and our  
33 nation in the Rodeo's next 50 years.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the University of  
36 Georgia Block and Bridle Club.