

House of Representatives

House Resolution 219

By: Representatives Davis of the 122nd, Amerson of the 9th, Hembree of the 67th, Keen of the 179th, Benton of the 31st, and others

A RESOLUTION

Celebrating the semisesquicentennial anniversary of the Georgia Tech Research Institute and inviting members of the Institute to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 75th anniversary of the creation of the Georgia Tech Research Institute, as this outstanding institution was formed and funded by the Georgia General Assembly under the Georgia Board of Regents in April, 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) was originally known as the State Engineering Experiment Station (EES) until 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly formed GTRI to help develop Georgia's resources, industries, and commerce and to assist with national programs of science, technology, and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Tech Research Institute has grown from three researchers with a budget of \$12,000.00 to nearly 1,300 employees performing more than \$185 million in research and development annually; and

WHEREAS, GTRI is an integral part of the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving as a contributor to Georgia Tech's mission to define the technological research university of the 21st century and educate the leaders of a technologically driven world; and

WHEREAS, the mission of GTRI is to execute a synergistic model of research, innovation, and education and apply this to solve the significant problems of a complex world; and

WHEREAS, GTRI's economic impact on Georgia has been profound as illustrated by its incubation of Scientific Atlanta (a recent Cisco acquisition) and by its continued innovation on behalf of the food processing industry; and

WHEREAS, GTRI has provided invaluable services to state agencies, to improve education, and to protect Georgia's citizens; and

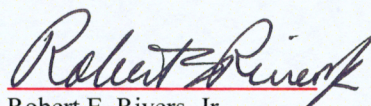
WHEREAS, GTRI has provided real world education experience to thousands of students since its inception, including serving as the largest employer of cooperative education students from the University System of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary celebration is an opportunity to recognize the many contributions of the Georgia Tech Research Institute to the citizens of this state and to the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body join in celebrating the semisesquicentennial anniversary of the Georgia Tech Research Institute and honor its significant contributions during its 75 years of existence in the State of Georgia and invite members of the Georgia Tech Research Institute to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for the purpose of being recognized by the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Stephen E. Cross, Vice President of the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

IN HOUSE
Read and Adopted
February 11, 2009



Robert E. Rivers, Jr.
Clerk

