

Senate Resolution 777

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Walker III of the 20th, Jones of the 25th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mercer University for its commitment to higher education;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mercer University is a private liberal arts university located in Macon, Georgia,
4 that was founded in 1833; and

5 WHEREAS, Mercer University is currently under the direction of President William D.
6 Underwood; and

7 WHEREAS, Mercer University has more than 8,600 students in 12 colleges and schools,
8 including liberal arts, business, engineering, education, music, continuing and professional
9 studies, law, theology, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, and health professions; and

10 WHEREAS, Mercer University has campuses located in Macon, Atlanta, Columbus, and
11 Savannah; and

12 WHEREAS, Mercer University athletics compete in the Southern Conference, an NCAA
13 Division 1 athletic conference; and

14 WHEREAS, the mascot for Mercer University is the bear; and

15 WHEREAS, Mercer University is one of only four universities in the State of Georgia to be
16 ranked in *U.S. News and World Report's* top national tier; and

17 WHEREAS, Mercer University was rated in the top 10 percent of the *Princeton Review's*
18 2014 edition of the "Best 378 Colleges"; and

19 WHEREAS, Mercer University has produced many distinguished alumni including former
20 United States Representative Carl Vinson, former United State Senators William S. West and

21 Walter F. George, former United States Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, former United
22 States Senator and Georgia Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, and former United States
23 Representative and current Governor of Georgia, Nathan Deal; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 extraordinary university be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Mercer University for providing world-class, quality educational
28 experiences and developing the next generation of leaders.

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 Mercer University.