

## House Resolution 536

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Moore of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the College of Environment and Design at the University of  
2 Georgia on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the College of Environment and Design (CE+D) at the University of Georgia  
4 is celebrating 50 years as a stand-alone college and 90 years of teaching landscape  
5 architecture. Founded by Hubert Bond Owens, the CE+D addresses pressing social and  
6 environmental needs that directly align with the values and expertise long held by the  
7 professions represented by its degree programs in landscape architecture, environmental  
8 planning and design, and historic preservation; and

9 WHEREAS, through teaching, research, and service in design, planning, and management  
10 of the land, the CE+D works to improve the environment by providing both innovative and  
11 time-tested models for development and preservation. The college educates successive  
12 generations of landscape architects, planners, and historic preservation practitioners to  
13 become experts in their areas of specialization with the capacity to collaborate and work  
14 effectively across disciplines and professional boundaries. Graduates of the programs are  
15 equipped to practice in an increasingly complex and changing world characterized by global  
16 influences, local needs, and the imperative to create a more sustainable future for all; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of the University of Georgia being the state's flagship, land-grant  
18 university, the CE+D serves the entire State of Georgia through public service and outreach  
19 in community design and preservation, assisting nearly 60 counties since 1997; and

20 WHEREAS, the CE+D is the oldest college of its kind in the Southeast, and the only college  
21 of its kind in the State of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, the accredited landscape architecture degrees are consistently ranked in the top  
23 five undergraduate programs and the top ten graduate programs in the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, the accredited landscape architecture program is ranked number one in the  
25 United States in its size category as the institution from which design professionals hire the  
26 most students; and

27 WHEREAS, the CE+D offers the only Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Design and  
28 Planning and the only accredited Environmental Planning and Design Master's Degrees in  
29 the state; and

30 WHEREAS, the CE+D is home to the University of Georgia's Environmental Ethics  
31 Certificate Program, which is celebrating its 35th year; and

32 WHEREAS, the CE+D offers the only dual degree in law and historic preservation in the  
33 State of Georgia; and

34 WHEREAS, the CE+D founded and is the home institution of the Sigma Pi Kappa honor  
35 society in Historic Preservation and houses a chapter of Sigma Lambda Alpha honor society  
36 in Landscape Architecture; and

37 WHEREAS, the CE+D is housed in the LEED Gold Certified, historic Jackson Street  
38 Building whose renovation was funded exclusively by the State of Georgia and the General  
39 Assembly; and

40 WHEREAS, in 1939, Hubert Bond Owens, working with the Garden Club of Georgia,  
41 established the Founders' Memorial Garden on UGA's historic north campus in honor of the  
42 first garden club in America, the Ladies Garden Club of Athens, which today is listed on the  
43 National Register of Historic Places; and

44 WHEREAS, through the year 2019, the CE+D has thousands of graduates who shape  
45 Georgia, America, and the world in the fields of landscape architecture, historic preservation,  
46 and environmental planning and design.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
48 the members of this body recognize and commend the university faculty, staff, students,  
49 alumni, and friends of the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia  
50 for its 50th anniversary and dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
52 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
53 College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia.