



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Proclamation 31-07

A Proclamation recognizing and commending the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the accredited landscape architecture program is ranked number 1 in the United States, in its size category, as the institution from which design professionals hire the most students; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, through the year 2019 the CE+D has thousands of graduates, shaping Georgia, America, and the world in the fields of landscape architecture, historic preservation, and environmental planning and design; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends that the members of this body recognize and commend the university faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia for its 50th Anniversary and dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED that the 31st administration of the University of Georgia's Student Government Association is authorized and directed to make this proclamation available to State Representative Matthew Gambill, of the 15th district, and others to be presented in the Georgia House of Representatives.