NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
GT National Society of Black Engineers, April 29, 2006

• Pleased to welcome you to 30th anniversary celebration of GT Society of Black Engineers.

• As President, very proud of GTSBE:
  o One of the oldest chapters – founded just one year after the National Society of Black Engineers.
  o One of the largest chapters in NSBE.
  o Leader in many NSBE programs.
  o Has won a long list of awards at regional and national levels.
  o GTSBE members win numerous NSBE scholarships every year; have won other prestigious national scholarships – 2 Trumans

• GTSBE makes a significant contribution to promoting excellence at Georgia Tech:
  o Important part of support network that brings outstanding minority students to GT, helps them succeed and excel, encourages them to pursue graduate study.
  o Sponsors activities from tutoring to talent shows, from career fairs to outreach for high school students.
  o Newest initiative: Minority Undergraduate Scholars Engineering Research Program to increase undergrad minorities who participate in research at GT with goal of promoting graduate studies and eventually increasing minority faculty in science and engineering disciplines.

• GTSBE helps minority students develop into leaders. Can see impact in tonight’s program
  o Robert Dixon = first president of GTSBE, now a VP for IT at Proctor & Gamble; GTAB member
  o Gary May = former GTSBE president, PhD from UC Berkeley, now chair of ECE; chaired National Advisory Board for NSBE for 10+ years (1994-2005), continues as member. Last month: NSBE’s 2006 Janice Lumpkin Educator of the Year Award.

• These are just 2 of the GTSBE presidents who have gone on to great things. Other examples:
  o Doug Hooker: former Public Works Commissioner for City of Atlanta and now VP for major Atlanta engineering firm.
  o Ayodele Embry: won Truman Scholarship, went on to grad school at Stanford, now Assistant Dean for Multicultural Student Affairs at Stanford.

• As society becomes more technological, both opportunity and need are increasing for engineers to emerge as leaders:
  o Understand technology
  o Can think clearly and logically
  o Are problem solvers

• GTSBE and NSBE are critical resources in helping our profession develop the strong, diverse leaders we need to flourish in the future.
You are an important part of Georgia Tech’s rising star, growing reputation.

You are an important part of developing the minority talent the United States and world need to lead us in the technological, global economy that is emerging around us.

- Pleased to have this opportunity to thank you for your contributions to GT and beyond, and congratulate you on your 30th anniversary.