

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Georgia General Assembly, April 2, 2008

- Thank you for this honor and for the support you have provided to Georgia Tech and the University System of Georgia.
- Grew up in Douglas, Ga. Got my bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgia Tech. Was a privilege to return home as president of Georgia Tech and make a contribution to my alma mater and my home state.
- Our future as a state is embodied by several talented young interns who are here in the Chamber with us. They represent more than 270,000 students in the University System of Georgia who, in the course of preparing for a productive personal future are also preparing to lead our state forward.
- An honor for me as president of Georgia Tech to spend time with the outstanding young people of this state as we educate a talented workforce for the future. Has also been exciting to preside over the research and creation of new companies that promote Georgia's economic prosperity.
- Retaining Georgia's economic leadership and prosperity in this global economy depends on our ability to innovate – to discover and apply new ideas... to develop and apply new technologies.
- This challenge requires “enlightened” relationships among higher education, the business community, and government so that our efforts are aligned...
 - So that the University System prepares the workforce talent and conducts the research that supports the efforts of Georgia's business community to become a leader in targeted high-tech fields.
 - So that government supports the University System in those tasks and creates a favorable business climate for innovation.
- If we can align our efforts and focus our resources, Georgia will continue to prosper and move forward toward greater economic leadership.