Dear Capitol Jackets Members,

As the 2012 Legislative Session adjourns sine die, I want to extend a warm and sincere thank you for your service to Georgia Tech. We are appreciative of the time you have taken to engage with your legislators and communicate Georgia Tech’s priorities. I understand that Georgia’s legislators hear one collective voice above the rest: that of their constituents. Thank you for using your voice in support of Georgia Tech.

Our top priorities have received strong support under the Gold Dome this session. With the governor’s final approval, we hope to begin construction on the Engineered Biosystems Building (EBB) later this year. Your assistance enabled us to secure $59 million in the state’s FY 2013 budget for the EBB. Construction of the EBB is an investment in the Institute’s future and a strategic component to the future economic success of Georgia. The building will pay dividends in the research we conduct and the economic impact that is created there. This facility will also open doors of opportunity for additional partnerships with institutions including Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.

We are grateful for the support we have received at the State Capitol this session. The legislators and staff have demonstrated through their actions an understanding of Georgia Tech’s impact on the state’s economy, as well as the role we play in preparing future leaders.

During the past year and especially during this legislative session, I have spent time traveling around Georgia to meet with state leaders. In our meetings and casual discussion, it is very clear to me that your efforts are making a difference and that you are a valuable resource to the Institute. When you actively engage with your legislator on our behalf, you become a significant part of our success at the State Capitol. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

G. P. “Bud” Peterson, President

- President Peterson visited the State Capitol on Legislative Day 40 to visit with state lawmakers and express the Institute’s appreciation for their strong support of Georgia Tech during the session.

- Capitol Jacket member Jim Elliott was at the Capitol this week with his son, Mark who served as a Page in the House.

- The 2013 Legislative Session will convene on Monday, January 14, 2013.

- Today’s adjournment date is the earliest of any session since 2001.
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CALLS TO ACTION

In this regular section you will find specific ways that you, as a Capitol Jackets member, can become involved in active advocacy for Georgia Tech.

- Please mail or fax a thank you note to your legislators for supporting Georgia Tech and public higher education this session.

- Please fax or mail a copy to us at (404) 894-6475.

Find your legislators and their district mailing addresses by visiting www.gov.gatech.edu and selecting “Find Your Legislator” from the “Important Links” on the right. Support documents are also available.

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2012 Legislative Session in Pictures

GTRI's Marlit Hayslett receives a resolution from House Science and Technology Cmte. Chairman Amos Amerson (R-Dahlonega).

Georgia Tech student and Senate intern JJ O'Brien drafts a press release at his desk in the Senate Press Office.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Jack Hill (R-Reidsville) presents the FY 2012 Amended Budget.

The House chamber on Legislative Day 40.

Team of physicians from the Georgia Tech Stamps Health Services stand with Gov. Deal during their service as “Doctors of the Day” at the Capitol.

Sen. Steve Thompson (D-Marietta) speaks to House Bill 129 from the well in the Senate chamber.