

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH  
**Georgia Tech Founders' Council Reception, October 1, 1999**

- Pleased to have this opportunity to show our appreciation to the members of the Founders' Council for remembering Georgia Tech in your estate planning.
- This Council represents a long line of Georgia Tech benefactors. Today's Council members reach all the way back to the class of 1929, and the roots of the Council are planted even more deeply in Georgia Tech history.
- Julius Brown was the son of Georgia Governor Joseph E. Brown, and he attended the University of Georgia. But when he died in 1906, he left two-thirds of his estate to Georgia Tech – valued at \$187,473 (a lot of money at the time) – collection of valuable books and furniture, plus real estate in Georgia and Texas.
- That very first bequest from Julius Brown – the start of Georgia Tech's endowment, and the start of the Founders' Council.
- History of GT since then written in the membership of this Council. You stand with one foot in the past and the other foot in the future. You look back over the decades to your own days as a Georgia Tech student, and your membership in the Founders' Council shows the value you place on that experience.
- But at the same time you look into the future, envisioning what Georgia Tech will mean to these outstanding students who are here with us tonight, and to generations of students who have yet to set foot on this campus. Your gifts will do things for the young students of tomorrow that are hard for us even to imagine today – and your gifts will still be working for Georgia Tech long after those of us who are here in this room today are gone.
- Much of our alumni giving is focused on Roll Call, and we need and rely on that steady, year-by-year support. But we also need people like you who take the long view, who look beyond the ripples and eddies on the surface of the water and see the deep currents that have driven Georgia Tech forward through the decades for more than a century. Your gifts support these currents.
- One of the currents: the role of GT in shaping the state's economy. In Julius Brown's day – GT a driving force in moving the economy of Georgia from agrarian to industrial. He saw that big picture, and made his bequest because he thought Georgia Tech was worth more than any other school in the state. Today, Founders' Council gifts help make GT a driving force in moving the economy of Georgia from industrial to technology.
- Another of those deep currents supported by the long-term gifts of Founders' Council – steady rise in excellence, fulfilling the potential Julius Brown saw in us.
- Excellence requires investing in future:
  - attracting outstanding young faculty (36 CAREER awards), who will in turn enable us to attract outstanding students.
  - building and renovating facilities that are designed for changing program paradigms and for the high-tech teaching, learning and research environments of the new century.
- Your gifts enable us to look beyond today and even tomorrow to lay the groundwork that will steer those deep currents far into the future, and allow Georgia Tech to continue its quest for excellence in educating students and promoting economic development.

- We are grateful for your faith in us, and this event is a chance for us to indicate how important you are to GT, and to say thank you.