

House Resolution 868

By: Representatives Borders of the 177th, Black of the 178th and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Valdosta State University President Hugh C. Bailey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Hugh C. Bailey has served with the utmost ability and distinction as the
3 President of Valdosta State University for the past 22 years and his leadership, vision, and
4 commitment to excellence have created new challenges and an exciting future for this senior
5 four-year state educational institution; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he is a native of Alabama where he completed his doctorate and had a long
7 rewarding teaching career at Samford University where he rose to the position of Dean of the
8 College of Arts and Sciences, and later he became Vice President for Academic Affairs at
9 Frances Marion College in Florence, South Carolina; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Valdosta State, President Bailey doubled the enrollment,
11 shepherded the transition from college to university status, and introduced new programs
12 including the MBA, MPA, MSW, MLS, and ED degrees; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he increased substantially the academic standards, expanded the availability of
14 fine arts and established the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra in 1990, vastly improved
15 educational technology, and established distance learning capabilities that will offer many
16 opportunities for off-campus classes and strengthen the economic base of south Georgia.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend President Bailey for his excellent leadership at Valdosta
19 State University and express their best wishes to him and his wife in their retirement.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to send an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Bailey.