

Senate Resolution 555

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

#### 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
18 commend President Bailey for his excellent leadership at Valdosta State University and  
19 express their best wishes to him and his wife in their retirement.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to send an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Bailey.