

## House Resolution 1531

By: Representatives Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup> and Coleman of the 142<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. John S. Burd, President of Brenau University and celebrating the grand  
2 opening of the John S. Burd Center for the Performing Arts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John S. Burd has served with distinction as the President of Brenau  
4 University since 1985 and has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the various civic,  
5 business, cultural, and charitable organizations in Gainesville, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, under his very capable direction, Brenau has constructed the Trustee Library,  
7 renovated the Simmons Visual Arts Center, the gymnasium, and natatorium, constructed a  
8 new student center, modernized the campus residential halls and academic facilities,  
9 established a renowned permanent art collection, and enhanced the university's endowment  
10 to more than \$50 million; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2000, the Board of Trustees ratified Dr. Burd's vision of a state-of-the-art  
12 performing arts center to include a recital hall, art gallery, lecture hall, and classrooms for  
13 the promotion of the university's fine arts program to a premier position in the southeast; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of the president's appreciation and commitment to the arts, the  
15 Board of Trustees has named the center the John S. Burd Center for the Performing Arts.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body recognize the extraordinary leadership President Burd has shown  
18 at Brenau University, endorse the naming of the John S. Burd Center for the Performing Arts  
19 in honor of this nationally respected university president, and convey their best wishes for  
20 a delightful grand opening celebration and many gala events in the future.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President John S. Burd.