

Senate Resolution 203

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Oscar L. Prater of Fort Valley State University; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Oscar L. Prater has served with the utmost ability and distinction as the
3 President of Fort Valley State University since August 9, 1990, and his foresight, leadership,
4 and dedication have greatly enhanced its national status and technological sophistication; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Sylacauga, Alabama, he graduated from Talladega College in 1961,
6 earned a master's degree in mathematics from Hampton University, and received his
7 doctorate in education administration at the College of William and Mary; and

8 WHEREAS, he initiated an ambitious program to advance the technological position of the
9 institution, created a state-of-the-art computer technology and mathematics center, revamped
10 the core undergraduate curriculum to expand student exposure to technology, and encouraged
11 staff development in keeping with his education philosophy of lifelong learning; and

12 WHEREAS, he forged significant linkages with external entities in the corporate, nonprofit,
13 and governmental sectors and promoted a collaborative arrangement between local public
14 school systems and the university that promises to yield major educational improvements for
15 Georgia's communities and the state as a whole.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
17 commends Dr. Oscar L. Prater for his vision, diligence, and initiative throughout his tenure
18 as the President of Fort Valley State University and conveys to him its deep appreciation,
19 respect, and best wishes as he explores new avenues of achievement.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Oscar L. Prater.