

House Resolution 634

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd, Jamieson of the 22nd, Buck of the 135th, Parrish of the 144th, Coleman of the 142nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. John E. Trainer, Jr., President of the Georgia Foundation
2 for Independent Colleges; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John E. Trainer, Jr., is President of the Georgia Foundation for Independent
4 Colleges (GFIC), a nonprofit organization which represents all 25 of Georgia's traditional
5 independent liberal arts colleges and universities in collaborative fund raising, administrative,
6 and public policy areas; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Trainer has raised the positive public profile of independent colleges and
8 universities in Georgia over the past five years and has enhanced the independent sector's
9 participation in public debates on higher education in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, he joined GFIC in June, 1996, following
11 a distinguished academic career; from August, 1984, until May, 1994, he served as President
12 of Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina; and prior to that he was a professor of
13 biology and later Vice President for Academic Affairs at Jacksonville University in
14 Jacksonville, Florida; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding record of institutional leadership, Dr. Trainer has
16 a long history of professional leadership, including having served as President of the North
17 Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities and the Association of Church-related
18 Colleges and Universities of the South; he was a member of the board of directors of the
19 Council of Independent Colleges, the Council of College Presidents of the Colleges and
20 Universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Independent College
21 Fund of North Carolina; and he also participated on committees of the American Council on
22 Education and the Association of American Colleges; and

23 WHEREAS, his accomplishments include leading two institutions to 100 percent employee
24 participation in capital drives and organizing and leading a centennial campaign that set

1 regional records and received a CASE Grand Gold medal national and, as co-founder and
2 Executive Vice President of Vantage PatientCare Systems from 1994 to 1996, he raised
3 \$1.25 million in venture capital investments; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Trainer received his B.S. degree in biology and an honorary doctorate from
5 Muhlenberg College in Allentown, his M.A. in biology from Wake Forest University, and
6 his Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Oklahoma; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Trainer, whose interests include sports car racing and water sports, is
8 married to Alice Trainer, Director of Health Communication and Promotion for the Office
9 of Nutrition and Physical Activity, Georgia Division of Public Health, and they are the
10 parents of three children and two grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Trainer has successfully raised the positive profile of the state's 25
12 traditional liberal arts colleges and universities among members of the General Assembly;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Trainer has been appointed as the new President and Head of School of The
15 Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida, and he will join the students, faculty, and staff of the
16 school on July 1, 2001.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. John E. Trainer, Jr., on his superb
19 service as President of the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges and his significant
20 contributions to higher education in the State of Georgia and convey to him their deepest
21 respect and admiration and their best wishes for his continued success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. John E. Trainer, Jr.