

House Resolution 1446

By: Representatives Walker of the 115th, O'Neal of the 117th, Ray of the 108th, Floyd of the 132nd, and James of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Billy G. Edenfield and congratulating him on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Billy G. Edenfield has served as president of Middle Georgia Technical
4 College since 1990 and has announced his retirement, effective January 1, 2005, after 15
5 years of outstanding service to Middle Georgia Technical College; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Edenfield graduated in 1959 from the University of Georgia as a
7 distinguished military graduate and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in forest
8 management and in 1978 earned a Master of Science degree in personnel management from
9 Troy State University; and

10 WHEREAS, his military career in the United States Air Force began with an assignment in
11 the civil engineering field and, following flight training, he performed crew duties in both
12 B-52 and B-57G aircraft, including 170 combat sorties during the Vietnam War; and

13 WHEREAS, in the air force, he furthered his education at the Air Force Institute of
14 Technology, Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, the Industrial
15 College of the Armed Forces, and the Air War College in-residence at Maxwell Air Force
16 Base in Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, he retired from the air force, with the rank of colonel, in 1989 after 30 years of
18 service, and over his career he earned military decorations and awards including the Legion
19 of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf
20 clusters, the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with two
21 oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; and

22 WHEREAS, among his many responsibilities as president, Mr. Edenfield oversaw the
23 administration of the institution; the establishment of effective partnerships with business and

1 industry by providing effective training and promoting economic development; and the
2 strategic planning, budget development, personnel administration, and management of funds;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, during his tenure as president, diploma enrollment increased, the adult literacy
5 program was added, and economic development training expanded; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Edenfield led the effort to coordinate, construct, equip, and occupy a new
7 163,000 square foot campus; and

8 WHEREAS, to his credit, in July of 2000 and under the legislation of Governor Barnes's
9 House Bill 1187, Middle Georgia Technical Institute was renamed Middle Georgia Technical
10 College after receiving accreditation to offer associate degree programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Edenfield's professional affiliations include the American Vocational
12 Association, Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education, Professional
13 Association of Georgia Educators, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia
14 Economic Developers Association; and

15 WHEREAS, he has been extensively involved in the Middle Georgia community and has
16 served as a former chairman of the Warner Robins Salvation Army Board of Directors and
17 serves, to name a few, on the United Way of Central Georgia Board of Trustees, the board
18 of directors of the local Red Cross chapter, and the Central Georgia Executive Committee
19 of the Boy Scouts of America.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Mr. Billy G. Edenfield for his outstanding service and
22 leadership to his country, Middle Georgia Technical College, and this state and congratulate
23 him on the occasion of his much deserved retirement.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Billy G. Edenfield.