

House Resolution 592

By: Representative Parrish of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Willie D. Gunn for his dedicated service to East Georgia College; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Willie D. Gunn's outstanding 40-year record of service in Georgia public
4 education, teaching at the high school and collegiate levels, has been recognized by the
5 Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia who have honored him as President
6 Emeritus of East Georgia College; and

7 WHEREAS, a respected expert in the field of biology, Dr. Gunn has inspired many students
8 with his love of science and has prepared them well for successful careers and future study;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Gunn has shared his knowledge and experience with thousands of students
11 and mentored scores of faculty members and administrators; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Gunn provided wise and effective leadership to East Georgia College,
13 serving as Dean of Academic Affairs from 1973 to 1976 and as President of the College from
14 1976 to 1993; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure, East Georgia College expanded its mission and outreach and
16 developed an admired reputation for both its quality of education and its open access, which
17 led to its growth from an institution of less than 350 students to a student body of nearly
18 1,000 students; and

19 WHEREAS, leading by example, Dr. Gunn encouraged faculty and staff to become actively
20 engaged in community affairs and, in so doing, forged a strong and productive relationship
21 between East Georgia College and the counties and communities it serves; and

1 WHEREAS, renowned for his lifelong love of learning, Dr. Gunn founded Old Codger's
2 University and continues to serves as its distinguished Chancellor and Registrar; and

3 WHEREAS, he contributes his amiable nature and insightful conversation as a reliable and
4 active member of the Citizen's Bank coffee club; and

5 WHEREAS, he has been fortunate throughout his career to have the loving support and wise
6 advice of his lovely wife, Marty, who is herself an outstanding educator.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body join in commending Dr. Willie D. Gunn for his invaluable
9 contributions to education and to his community and extend their hearty congratulations upon
10 his well deserved recognition by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
11 as President Emeritus of East Georgia College.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Willie D. Gunn.