

Senate Resolution 67

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Brown of the 26th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Harp of the 29th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending President William D. Underwood of Mercer University; and for other
2 purposes.

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4 WHEREAS, William D. Underwood was selected to serve as the 18th president of Mercer
5 University beginning July 1, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to joining Mercer, President Underwood served at Baylor University as
7 interim president and held the prestigious Leon Jaworski Chair at the Baylor School of Law,
8 having joined the law faculty in 1990 after practicing law with a large firm in Dallas; and

9 WHEREAS, President Underwood is an accomplished educator and scholar, was designated
10 a Master Teacher at Baylor in recognition of extraordinary classroom teaching, and was
11 named an Outstanding University Professor in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, he is an elected member of the American Law Institute and the American Bar
13 Foundation, has published extensively on a range of topics, and has presented a number of
14 papers on how faith relates to higher education; and

15 WHEREAS, President Underwood is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of
16 Illinois College of Law, which awarded him the Juris Doctor degree, graduating as class
17 salutatorian and having served as an editor of the University of Illinois Law Review; and

18 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
19 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state; and

20 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
21 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
22 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

1 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
2 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

3 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
4 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 commend William D. Underwood on being selected to be the President of Mercer University
7 and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for success and for continued health and
8 happiness.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President William D. Underwood.