

## House Resolution 1248

By: Representatives Williams of the 4<sup>th</sup> and Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James A. Burran upon the occasion of his retirement as  
2 president of Dalton State College; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Clovis, New Mexico, Dr. James A. Burran received his bachelor's  
4 and master's degrees from Texas Tech University and earned a doctorate in history from the  
5 University of Tennessee; and

6 WHEREAS, he began his university system career in 1978 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural  
7 College in Tifton, serving as an assistant professor, associate professor, registrar and assistant  
8 academic dean, acting president from 1988 through 1989, and finally as the vice president  
9 and dean of Academic Affairs from 1987 through 1995; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Burran took office as the third president of Dalton State College on May  
11 15, 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Dalton State College, he was instrumental in the opening  
13 of the Lorberbaum Liberal Arts Building and the James E. Brown Center, and he oversaw  
14 the addition to the Derrell C. Roberts Library and the renovation of Bandy Gymnasium; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Burran led the change in 1998 of the institution's mission and name from  
16 a two-year institution known as Dalton College to a state college known as Dalton State  
17 College; and

18 WHEREAS, under his leadership, ten new baccalaureate degree programs were created in  
19 Management, Marketing, Management Information Systems, Technology Management,  
20 Marketing Systems, Social Work, Early Childhood Education, Accounting, Biology, and  
21 Mathematics; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Burran oversaw the growth of the Dalton State College Foundation's assets  
2 from \$2 million to \$30 million and articulated the vision for the foundation to acquire real  
3 estate adjacent to the campus, inspiring the launching of the college's first capital campaign;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he is also involved in his community as a member of the Board of Directors for  
6 the Northwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board, the Board of Trustees for the Creative  
7 Arts Guild of Dalton, the Board of Directors for the Dalton-Whitfield Target Tomorrow  
8 Strategic Planning Task Force, and the Rotary Club of Dalton; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Burran and his wife, Sally, have two grown sons, Andy and Ben, and a dog  
10 named Vern; and

11 WHEREAS, his significant leadership and achievement have raised Dalton State College to  
12 a new level of excellence and performance.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that Dr. James  
14 A. Burran is hereby recognized and commended on the occasion of his retirement as  
15 president of Dalton State College and recognized for his exemplary service to the college,  
16 his community, and this state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James A. Burran.