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House Resolution 1934

By: Representative Hembree of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the President of the Georgia Foundation for Independent
- 2 Colleges, Inc., Dr. Henry J. Hector, on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry J. Hector has served effectively as President of the Georgia
- 4 Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc., since September 21, 2001, and has coordinated
- 5 the mutually beneficial activities of 25 of Georgia's traditional independent liberal arts
- 6 colleges and universities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Hector has served as an advisor and resource for members and staff of the
- 8 higher education and appropriations committees of the Georgia General Assembly and the
- 9 Office of the Governor's staff; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he has built a \$10 million endowment for student aid, raised millions of dollars
- in private donations for college scholarships and grants, and has ably represented the interests
- of Georgia's private college students and their institutions before the legislative and executive
- 13 branches of government during his decade-long tenure; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Dr. Hector has worked more than 40 years in higher education development,
- 15 administration, and regulation and has earned the respect of policy makers, elected and
- 16 appointed officials in state governments, and leaders in higher education organizations and
- 17 institutions in five states during his career; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this dedicated professional began his career in 1961 as a teacher in the Tanga
- 19 Secondary School in Tanga, Tanzania, and later served as a tutor at the Marangu Teachers
- 20 College in Marangu, Tanzania, in the Teachers for East Africa Project; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he has served as Assistant Dean and Director of Institutional Research at
- 22 Teachers College of Columbia University, as Director of Planning and Development for the
- 23 Florida Board of Regents, as the Deputy Commissioner of the Indiana Commission for

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24 Higher Education, and as Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher

- 25 Education; and
- 26 WHEREAS, as Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Dr.
- 27 Hector coordinated the development of public higher education in Alabama and represented
- 28 the interests of students and institutions in both the public and private sector before the
- 29 legislature and the governor; and
- 30 WHEREAS, although his presence will be sorely missed by the Georgia Foundation for
- 31 Independent Colleges upon his retirement, Dr. Hector's influence will continue on in the
- 32 many students whose lives he has uplifted over the past four decades.
- 33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 34 the members of this body recognize Dr. Henry J. Hector on his exemplary career in education
- and extend to him best wishes on a happy and healthy retirement.
- 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Henry J. Hector.