

Senate Resolution 896

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James M. Baker III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. James M. Baker III has long been recognized for the vital role he has
3 played in leadership and his dedication to Clayton State University; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a 1976 graduate of Clayton Junior College, Mr. Baker has devoted years to
5 promoting education and supporting his alma mater; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is one of Metropolitan Atlanta's foremost real estate developers and
7 serves as president of Chaseland Corporation and Baker & Lassiter; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental as a member of Clayton
9 State University's School of Technology Advisory Committee, and he was named
10 Outstanding Alumni for the university in 2004; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in recognition of his years of unwavering support, Clayton State University has
12 renamed its university center the James M. Baker University Center in his honor; and
- 13 WHEREAS, opened in 2004, the university center holds classrooms, meeting rooms, offices
14 for faculty, administration, and student organizations, the University's College of Information
15 and Mathematical Sciences, dining services, the campus bookstore, the campus help desk,
16 and more than 2,000 data drops; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students of Clayton State University,
18 it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
19 of this outstanding individual be honored.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize Mr. James M. Baker III for his outstanding contributions to the students in this
22 state and his community and extend to him best wishes for the near and distant future.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James M. Baker III.