

House Resolution 1298

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Bruce of the 64th, Ashe of the 56th, Gardner of the 57th, Bell of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Elridge W. McMillan and inviting him to be recognized
2 by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Elridge W. McMillan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for his selfless service to education, his commitment to Georgia's institutions of higher
5 education, and his stalwart support of Georgia's Historically Black Colleges and Universities;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. McMillan has dedicated 34 years to the Board of Regents of the University
8 System of Georgia, which places him in the record books as the longest serving member in
9 the organization's 78 year history; and

10 WHEREAS, he stands as the first African American to serve as chairperson of the Board of
11 Regents; and

12 WHEREAS, during his over three decades with the Board of Regents, Dr. McMillan played
13 a critical role in the implementation of the federally ordered desegregation plan for the
14 University System's colleges and universities and worked tirelessly to enhance academics
15 and elevate the reputation of Georgia's University System; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2004, Dr. McMillan was honored with the board's Lifetime Achievement
17 Award, an annual recognition which has been named in his honor; and

18 WHEREAS, he was the first African American president of the Southern Education
19 Foundation, where he led the foundation to take a prominent role in the promotion of equity
20 and equality in the South, and currently serves as President Emeritus; and

21 WHEREAS, a recognized expert in the fields of higher education policy, research,
22 governance, and curriculum development, Dr. McMillan serves as the Scholar-in-Residence
23 at Atlanta Metropolitan College; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. McMillan was first to serve as Chief of the Education Branch of the Office
25 for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishment of this
27 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Dr. Elridge W. McMillan for his outstanding
30 contributions to the field of higher education, recognize his selfless, efficient, and effective
31 public service to the State of Georgia, and invite him to be recognized by the House of
32 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Elridge W. McMillan.