

House Resolution 731

By: Representatives Holcomb of the 82nd and Rice of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Susan Herbst; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Susan Herbst has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the students of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Herbst has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her
6 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of this state as evidenced dramatically by her
7 superlative service with the University System of Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer for the University
9 System of Georgia, Dr. Herbst has overseen all academic programs for Georgia's 35 public
10 colleges and universities; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she has also served as a professor of public policy at the Georgia Institute of
12 Technology, inspiring future leaders of this nation with her curriculum and experience; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Dr. Herbst earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Duke University
14 and a doctoral degree in communication theory from the University of Southern California;
15 served on the faculty at Northwestern University; was provost, executive vice president, and
16 acting president at SUNY-Albany; and was a dean at Temple University; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is the author of many scholarly journal articles and books, including her
18 most recent book about incivility in American politics entitled *Rude Democracy*; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Dr. Herbst has been selected to serve as the 15th president of the University of
20 Connecticut, becoming the first woman to hold the prestigious position since the school's
21 founding in 1881; and

22 WHEREAS, a dynamic and energetic leader, Dr. Herbst was chosen for the position from
23 over 100 applicants due to her exceptional leadership abilities, vision, strong academic
24 background, in-depth understanding of higher education, and personable nature; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Herbst has served with honor and distinction with the University System
26 of Georgia, and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon her
27 departure.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body express their gratitude to Dr. Susan Herbst for her efficient,
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to her
31 best wishes in her position as President of the University of Connecticut.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Susan Herbst.