

## House Resolution 1073

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Walker of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 114<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
7 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service as chancellor of the University System of Georgia;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, as chancellor, Mr. Davis is responsible for 35 public colleges and universities,  
11 over 300,000 students, over 40,000 faculty and staff, 58 public library systems, and an annual  
12 budget of approximately \$6.3 billion; and

13 WHEREAS, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Davis earned a bachelor's degree in  
14 electrical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a master's degree in finance from  
15 the University of Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to serving as chancellor, Mr. Davis served as a member of the University  
17 of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, as chairman of the Carnegie Mellon University  
18 board of trustees, as CEO of WPL Holdings, as CEO and president of Wisconsin Power and  
19 Light, and as chairman of the board of Alliant Energy Corporation; and

20 WHEREAS, since he took office as chancellor in 2006, the University System's enrollment  
21 has increased, establishing a new enrollment record each year, and numerous system-wide  
22 challenges have been tackled, including improving student advisement, increasing retention

23 and graduation, creating benchmarks for philanthropy, improving training and development,  
24 and increasing energy efficiency on campuses; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is responsible for the adoption of a system-wide ethics policy and  
26 an overhaul of the system's core curriculum, including the launch of online education  
27 initiatives; and

28 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Elaine, who assisted him in the  
29 establishment of the Davis Family Foundation, which makes annual grants to numerous  
30 students in need; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout  
32 his distinguished career, including recognition as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians  
33 by *Georgia Trend* magazine, 100 Most Influential Atlantans by the *Atlanta Business*  
34 *Chronicle*, 75 Most Powerful Blacks in Corporate America by *Black Enterprise* magazine,  
35 and 50 Most Powerful Black Executives in America by *Fortune* magazine; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
37 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend Mr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr., for his efficient, effective,  
40 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the  
41 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for  
42 continued health and happiness.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr.