

House Resolution 1226

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Sims of the 119th, Frazier of the 123rd, Howard of the 121st, and Smith of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Bill Bloodworth and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Bloodworth has served as President of Augusta State University for almost
4 19 years, during which time he has overseen tremendous growth at the university, including
5 the addition of student housing, new degree programs, and more than \$103 million in new
6 construction and renovations since 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, he grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and started his career in education as a
8 junior high school teacher in Texas public schools; moving to North Carolina in 1972, he
9 taught English at East Carolina University until 1990, then went to Central Missouri State
10 University as provost and vice president for academic affairs; and in 1993 he became the
11 eighth president of Augusta College, now known as Augusta State University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bloodworth is united in love and marriage to Julia Bloodworth and is
13 blessed with two remarkable children, Nicole and Paul, and two wonderful grandchildren,
14 Palmer and Sara Jane Bloodworth; and

15 WHEREAS, he holds degrees from Texas Lutheran University, where he was named a
16 Distinguished Alumnus in 2009, Lamar University, and the University of Texas at Austin;
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18 WHEREAS, he is the author of numerous articles, book chapters, reviews, and two books,
19 one on Upton Sinclair and the other on Max Brand; and

20 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, Dr. Bloodworth has served on the boards
21 of the Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Augusta Neighborhood Improvement
22 Corporation, American Red Cross, Historic Augusta, Greater Augusta Arts Council,

23 Association of the United States Army, CSRA Development Companies, and the CSRA
24 Regional Education Service Agency; and

25 WHEREAS, he hold memberships at the Rotary Club of Augusta, Authors Club of Augusta,
26 Morris Museum of Art, Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, and Augustans Together; and

27 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
28 people, and Dr. Bloodworth has, during his career in education, exemplified the selfless
29 dedication and professionalism which are characteristic of our finest educators; and

30 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
31 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
32 of this outstanding individual upon his retirement.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Dr. Bill Bloodworth for his over
35 three decades of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of
36 education, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and invite him to be
37 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of
38 the House.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Bill Bloodworth.