

House Resolution 2060

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Gary A. McGaha; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Gary A. McGaha has long been recognized for the vital role that he has
3 played in higher education and his deep personal commitment to students; and

4 WHEREAS, born in Rienzi, Mississippi, Dr. McGaha graduated magna cum laude from
5 Mississippi Valley State University in 1972, earned a Master of Arts degree from Bowling
6 Green State University in 1973, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of
7 Mississippi in 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, he began his career working as a senior level administrator at Kentucky State
9 University where he served as the administrative assistant to the president, as chair of the
10 department of political science and history, and as the associate vice president for academic
11 affairs; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1983, Dr. McGaha accepted a position at Morehouse School of Medicine
13 where he served as an executive assistant for ten years; and

14 WHEREAS, he came to Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC) in 1993 to chair the division
15 of social sciences, left in 2002 to become dean of academic services for the Dunwoody
16 campus and the Alpharetta site of Georgia Perimeter College, and returned to AMC in 2006
17 as vice president of academic affairs where he was named interim president in 2006 and
18 appointed as permanent president in 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. McGaha serves as chairman of the board of directors for Project GRAD
20 Atlanta and is a member of the board of directors for the Metropolitan Regional Educational
21 Service Agency and the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. McGaha is an active member of
24 Greenforest Community Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon and Sunday School
25 teacher; and

26 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to the former Juliette Wilkinson and together
27 they are blessed with two remarkable daughters and two wonderful sons; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Dr. Gary A. McGaha for his sacrifice, foresight, and
32 contributions on behalf of education and for the positive influence he has had upon the lives
33 and futures of countless young people.

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. Gary A. McGaha.