

Senate Resolution 168

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Ginn of the 47th, McKoon of the 29th and Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Michael F. Adams on his extraordinary accomplishments
2 as president of the University of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael F. Adams has served as president of the University of Georgia
4 (UGA), the first state chartered university in the United States, since 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, under his leadership, UGA received national recognition for its increased
6 enrollment, from 29,693 to 35,000, increased fundraising efforts, from \$249.413 million to
7 \$776 million, and has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the nation's
8 top 20 public research universities for eight of the past ten years; and

9 WHEREAS, five new University of Georgia colleges or schools were established, including
10 the School of Public and International Affairs and the College of Environment and Design
11 in 2001, the College of Public Health in 2005, the Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology in
12 2007, the nation's first stand-alone school of ecology, and the College of Engineering in
13 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, UGA's athletic teams won 27 national championships and 58 Southeastern
15 Conference titles, and 125 national individual titles were earned by Georgia student-athletes;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, UGA began M.D. education in Athens in partnership with the Georgia Regents
18 University opening the UGA Health Sciences Campus in 2012 on the 60 acre former campus
19 of the United States Navy Supply Corps School; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael F. Adams oversaw \$1.12 billion in new construction, renovation,
21 and infrastructure during his tenure, including the Zell B. Miller Learning Center, the Paul
22 D. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences, the Richard B. Russell Building

23 Special Collections Libraries, and most recently, the new College of Veterinary Medicine
24 teaching hospital; and

25 WHEREAS, he has personally or on behalf of the university received more than 50 awards
26 in higher education, including the Knight Foundation Award for Presidential Leadership and
27 the James T. Rogers Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Southern Association of
28 Colleges and Schools; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the many accomplishments of University
30 of Georgia President Michael F. Adams be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Dr. Michael F. Adams on his extraordinary accomplishments as
33 president of the University of Georgia and his contributions to higher education and the
34 citizens of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to University of Georgia President Dr.
37 Michael F. Adams.