

House Resolution 219

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, Rogers of the 29th, England of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Michael F. Adams on his extraordinary accomplishments
2 as president of the University of Georgia and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, five new University of Georgia colleges or schools were established, including
11 the School of Public and International Affairs and the College of Environment and Design
12 in 2001, the College of Public Health in 2005, the Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology in
13 2007, the nation's first stand-alone school of ecology, and the College of Engineering in
14 2012; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Dr. Michael F. Adams on his extraordinary
34 accomplishments as president of the University of Georgia and his contributions to higher
35 education and the citizens of Georgia and invite him to be recognized by the House of
36 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
37 Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to University of Georgia
40 President Dr. Michael F. Adams.