

House Resolution 806

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Nix of the 69th, Hightower of the 68th, and Cooke of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Behurez N. Sethna is a professor of business and President of the University
3 of West Georgia (UWG); and
- 4 WHEREAS, during Dr. Sethna's nearly 19 year tenure, the university has grown to become
5 a doctoral degree granting, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Level VI
6 institution, and has gained a reputation for excellence as the school has been ranked as one
7 of the best universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dr. Sethna earned his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the
9 Indian Institute of Technology, a Master of Business Administration from the Indian Institute
10 of Management, a Master of Philosophy and a Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia
11 University, and participated in post-doctoral programs at Harvard and Indiana; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he started Georgia's first Advanced Academy for exceptionally gifted high
13 school students to complete their last two years of high school and their first two years of
14 college simultaneously; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the UWG's endowment has grown to nearly ten times the size it was when Dr.
16 Sethna began his leadership in 1994; his administration has awarded more bachelor's,
17 master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees than every previous administration combined; and
18 he has helped the school earn national accreditation and re-accreditation for practically all
19 eligible programs; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he has published one book, 69 papers, and several case studies; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he has served as the research advisor for nearly 40 students in the past decade,
22 each of whose research project was selected for one or more national-level presentations; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Sethna holds a unique record for being nationally recognized seven times
24 for instructional innovation by the Decision Sciences Institute, has been recognized as the
25 University System of Georgia Chancellor's 2012 Customer Service President and Institution
26 of the Year, and is the second ever recipient of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's
27 Thomas S. Upchurch Workforce Education Award; and

28 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to Dr. Madhavi Sethna, also a UWG
29 faculty member, for 38 years and the two have been blessed with two remarkable children,
30 Anita Sethna, M.D., and Shaun Sethna, J.D.; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna has devoted his life to creating an environment where
32 young minds can flourish with an abundance of opportunities for continuing education and
33 it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding individual be recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognized Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna for his exemplary career of
36 creating opportunities for excellence among the young citizens of this state, commend him
37 for his lifelong dedication to the pursuit of knowledge, and extend their sincere best wishes
38 for future success.

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. Beheruz N. Sethna.