

House Resolution 1623

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Parrish of the 158th, Kaiser of the 59th, Gardner of the 57th, Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Emory University President James W. Wagner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Emory University President James W. Wagner will step down from his
3 presidency at the end of August, 2016, after 13 years of serving as the university's leader; and
- 4 WHEREAS, before coming to Georgia as Emory's president, President Wagner, a native of
5 Maryland, earned his electrical engineering degree from the University of Delaware, received
6 his master's degree in clinical engineering and Ph.D. in materials science and engineering
7 from Johns Hopkins University, and served a distinguished tenure as a faculty member at
8 Johns Hopkins and later as dean, provost, and interim president at Case Western Reserve
9 University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, President Wagner guides a university that draws top students from around the
11 world to Georgia, contributes to this state's economy through the employment of 29,000 men
12 and women, and contributes to this state's health and well-being through the largest health
13 care system in Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has served the national interests as vice chairman of the Presidential
15 Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues; and
- 16 WHEREAS, during his presidency, President Wagner led the largest fundraising campaign
17 in the history of Georgia, resulting in the investment of \$1.7 billion in support of the
18 university's initiatives in teaching, research, scholarship, patient care, and social action; and
- 19 WHEREAS, under his guidance, Emory recruited a world-class and diverse community of
20 scholars and researchers that resulted in an increased number of appointments to national
21 academies and external research funding that tops a record \$570 million this year; and

22 WHEREAS, President Wagner articulated a vision of education that emphasized ethical
23 engagement for positive transformation in the world.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize Emory University President James W. Wagner for his
26 service to Emory University and the State of Georgia and wish him continued health and
27 happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Emory University President James W. Wagner.