

House Resolution 928

By: Representatives Meeks of the 178th, O’Steen of the 169th, Cannon of the 172nd, LaHood of the 175th, Dickey of the 134th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending David Curtis Bridges, PhD, upon his induction into the
2 Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, David Curtis Bridges, PhD, has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his legacy of agricultural education and rural advocacy; and

9 WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2022, David served as the 10th president of Abraham Baldwin
10 Agricultural College (ABAC), making him the longest serving college or university president
11 in Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly for many years on behalf of rural Georgia, and his
13 work with the Rural Caucus and the House Rural Development Council was instrumental in
14 creating the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation at ABAC; and

15 WHEREAS, as interim director of Georgia's Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation,
16 David advocates for rural communities; and

17 WHEREAS, his expertise in defending the safety and demand for Georgia peanuts earned
18 him recognition from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Georgia Department
19 of Agriculture, and the Georgia Peanut Commission, which awarded him a Distinguished
20 Service Award; and

21 WHEREAS, his pioneering work on weed control in tobacco led to the registration of two
22 novel herbicides for use in Georgia tobacco fields; and

23 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and
24 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have
25 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the indelible agricultural contributions
27 of this Georgian are appropriately honored.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend David Curtis Bridges, PhD, for his
30 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia;
31 congratulate him upon the being inducted to the Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame; and
32 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to David
35 Curtis Bridges, PhD.