

Senate Resolution 678

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 41st, Kemp of the 38th, Wicks of the 34th, Mangham of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Ph.D.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Ph.D., has long been recognized as a respected and
3 distinguished educator and scholar known for his expertise, professionalism, and deep
4 personal commitment to higher education; and

5 WHEREAS, after selflessly serving with the United States Army from 1966-1969, he
6 completed his education, earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at
7 Arlington, his master's degree at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico, and his
8 Ph.D. at Florida State University; and

9 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
11 dramatically by his superlative service the University of North Florida, where he served for
12 18 years as Vice President of Student and International Affairs, as well as his combined 41
13 year career at other educational institutes; and

14 WHEREAS, he has served on countless boards over the years, including the Museum of
15 Contemporary Art Jacksonville, the city of Jacksonville's Hispanic Council, and Girl Scouts
16 of America; and

17 WHEREAS, his outstanding leadership has been honored with many prestigious awards
18 including the Robert Arleigh White Award for Art Advocacy from the Cultural Council of
19 Greater Jacksonville as well as a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar Award; and

20 WHEREAS, he was installed as a member of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International
21 Scholars for achievements in the area of international education and exchange, and served
22 as a member of the Discipline Advisory Committee for Fulbright Scholar awards, as well as,
23 is a Field Reviewer at the Institute of Museum Services in Washington, D.C.; and

24 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and his vision and unyielding commitment to
26 higher education will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Ph.D., for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
29 and dedicated public service; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and
30 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Mauricio
33 Gonzalez, Ph.D.