

House Resolution 1406

By: Representatives Hagan of the 156th and O'Steen of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Brewton-Parker Christian University; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Brewton-Parker Christian University traces its origins to 1904, when it was
3 founded as Union Baptist Institute through the vision and faith of Georgia Baptist leaders
4 who sought to provide Christian values-based education and who were aided in this cause
5 by a magnanimous donation of land by a highly esteemed African-American and former
6 slave, Warren C. Crawley, Sr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Brewton-Parker for over twelve decades has continually made a positive impact
8 upon its community, region, and state; and

9 WHEREAS, in recent years Brewton-Parker experienced significant growth and
10 revitalization, including expanded academic offerings, improved facilities, increased
11 enrollment, strengthened fiscal stewardship, and measurable spiritual impact through campus
12 ministries and student engagement; and

13 WHEREAS, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
14 approved the transition to university status, and effective July 1, 2025, Brewton-Parker
15 College officially became Brewton-Parker Christian University.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body honor Brewton-Parker Christian University in recognition of its
18 rich history, Georgia Baptist heritage, and continued commitment to Christ-centered higher
19 education, as well as its service to students, churches, and communities across the State of
20 Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives commends Dr. Steven F.
22 Echols for his faithful leadership and stewardship in guiding the institution through a season
23 of renewal and into its new chapter as a Christian university.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
26 Brewton-Parker Christian University and to Dr. Steven F. Echols.