

House Resolution 351

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 72nd, Stover of the 71st, and Trammell of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending President Kyle Marrero for his many contributions to the University of West
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, President Kyle Marrero has made a significant impact on the City of Newnan
4 and the entire West Georgia region through his leadership over the last five and a half years
5 at the University of West Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, under President Marrero's leadership, the institution has adopted a bold vision
7 to become the best comprehensive university in America, sought after as the best place to
8 work, learn, and succeed; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the University of West Georgia has achieved five years of
10 record enrollment growth, record graduation rates, and record degrees conferred; and

11 WHEREAS, President Marrero's vision has contributed greatly to the success of the
12 University of West Georgia Newnan Center since opening in the historic Newnan Hospital
13 in 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, a steadfast focus on student success through quality academic programming and
15 robust services to students has been the core mission for the University of West Georgia
16 Newnan Center under President Marrero's leadership, leading to record growth in enrollment
17 for the center; and

18 WHEREAS, President Marrero led the institution to achieve record fundraising and
19 economic impact to the entire West Georgia region; and

20 WHEREAS, the institution is ranked in the top third for online graduate education by *U.S.*
21 *News & World Report*; and

22 WHEREAS, President Marrero fostered a campus culture focused on providing
23 transformative opportunities for students to succeed in the classroom and become workforce
24 ready upon graduation; and

25 WHEREAS, President Marrero believes that engaged faculty and staff are critical to creating
26 an environment in which students can succeed; and

27 WHEREAS, President Marrero has expressed deep commitment to evidence-based
28 leadership, employee engagement, and sustainability and diversity; and

29 WHEREAS, President Marrero implemented Engage West!, an evidence-based leadership
30 development initiative to create an inclusive, collaborative culture in which faculty and staff
31 at all levels understand their roles and responsibilities in moving the university toward its
32 aspirational goals; and

33 WHEREAS, the Engage West! initiative led the University of West Georgia to win the 2015
34 national award for Innovation and Excellence, in the category of Leadership Development
35 and Diversity, from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and

36 WHEREAS, President Marrero worked tirelessly to build strong community partnerships as
37 seen in the Carroll County Education Collaborative, a regional effort bringing together
38 community and school leadership to establish a common vision for P-16 education; and

39 WHEREAS, the Regional Education Collaborative has been cited as one of the most
40 innovative efforts in the country by the Harvard University Pathways to Prosperity Project;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, President Marrero was named President of the Year in 2015 by the University
43 System of Georgia; and

44 WHEREAS, under President Marrero's leadership, the University of West Georgia was
45 selected institution of the year in 2015 by the University System of Georgia; and

46 WHEREAS, his legacy and contributions to the University of Georgia and the West Georgia
47 region will be realized for many years to come.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
49 the members of this body join in honoring President Kyle Marrero, and express our deepest
50 gratitude for his commitment to higher education in the City of Newnan, the West Georgia
51 region and the State of Georgia.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Kyle
54 Marrero.