

House Resolution 797

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Martin of the 49th, LaHood of the 175th, Sharper of the 177th, and Corbett of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Charles E. Backes on his outstanding service as a
2 professor at Valdosta State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles E. Backes has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 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 26 year career with Valdosta State University; and

9 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career at Valdosta State University, Dr. Backes has
10 prepared hundreds of new teachers to become more effective in their classrooms and also
11 worked with veteran teachers from all areas of CTAE in graduate programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Backes has served with honor and distinction as director of Professional
13 Education for the Electrical Training Alliance, teaching journey-level electrical instructors;
14 and his vision and unyielding commitment to higher education will be sorely missed upon
15 the occasion of his retirement; and

16 WHEREAS, among his many accolades and honors, Dr. Backes was the recipient of the
17 2015 Lifetime Service Award by the Trade and Industrial Education Division of the
18 Association for Career and Technical Education; he also received the 2012 Outstanding
19 Career and Technical Educator Award by the Trade and Industrial Educators of Georgia
20 (TIEGA) and the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE); and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Backes' significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
22 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
23 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Charles E. Backes for his efficient,
28 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him
29 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
30 continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
33 Charles E. Backes.