

## Senate Resolution 317

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Strickland of the 17th, Beach of the 21st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Edward L. Schrader, Ph.D., for his lifetime of service; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Edward L. Schrader, Ph.D., will retire on June 30, 2019, after serving as the  
4 ninth president of Brenau University for more than 14 years; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to his appointment in January, 2005, Dr. Schrader served as President of  
6 Shorter College from July, 2000, to January, 2005. At Millsaps College, Dr. Schrader  
7 operated as Associate Dean of Sciences, Chairman to the Department of Geology, and  
8 Associate Professor of Geology. Dr. Schrader served as President of Diversified Minerals  
9 Corporation, Vice President and General Manager of the Clay and Minerals Division at  
10 United Catalysts Inc., and Chief Geologist at J.M. Huber Corporation. Dr. Schrader also  
11 acted as Assistant Professor of Geology at the University of Alabama, and Minerals  
12 Exploration Geologist at Chevron Resources Company; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Schrader received his Bachelor of Science from Millsaps College in  
14 Jackson, Mississippi, with a major in geology and a minor in chemistry. He received his  
15 Master of Science from the University of Tennessee with a major in geology and minor in  
16 chemistry. Dr. Schrader continued on to receive his Ph.D. from Duke University in  
17 geochemistry and a minor in chemistry; and

18 WHEREAS, under Dr. Schrader's leadership, Brenau University experienced unprecedented  
19 growth. Brenau achieved historical numbers of enrollment reaching more than 3,800  
20 students. Brenau's MBA program was recognized by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* for the  
21 highest enrollment of all Georgia business schools. Brenau was also named one of the  
22 best-managed institutions in the country under Dr. Schrader by *The Chronicle of Higher*  
23 *Education*; and

24 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Brenau University, Dr. Schrader created the "2+2  
25 Partnership" between Anhui Normal University of the People's Republic of China and  
26 Brenau; Dr. Schrader also created three doctoral programs – nursing, occupational therapy,  
27 and physical therapy – and developed the facilities to support the new programs at Brenau  
28 University. He also increased the amount of online degrees offered from 18 to 53. Brenau  
29 added ten sports between 2005 and 2019. Under Schrader's leadership, Brenau's total net  
30 assets and liabilities increased 47 percent, from \$84.47 million to \$123.79 million between  
31 2005 and 2019; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Schrader has a wonderful wife of 46 years, Myra Ladner Schrader, and they  
33 are blessed with two children, Melanie Schrader Schwarts, M.D., and Edward A. Schrader,  
34 D.D.S. It is an honor to recognize Dr. Schrader for his exemplary work at Brenau University  
35 and his previous academic and professional endeavors.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 recognize and commend Edward L. Schrader, Ph.D., for his many contributions to the  
38 education and well-being of Georgia's citizens, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of  
39 his retirement, and extend sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Edward L.  
42 Schrader, Ph.D.