

## House Resolution 1057

By: Representatives Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>, Seabaugh of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Setzler of the 35<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Gambill of the 15<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Kathy "Kat" Schwaig for being named president of Kennesaw State  
2 University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Kathy "Kat" Schwaig currently serves as Kennesaw State University's  
4 (KSU) interim president; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Schwaig has a long and consistent record of service to the KSU community  
6 and this state and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and committed citizens  
7 in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the Texas native earned a BBA in accounting, an MBA in information systems,  
9 a Master's of Liberal Arts, and a PhD in information systems before joining the faculty at  
10 KSU in 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, she served as the Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurial Management  
12 and professor of information systems, as well as the dean of KSU's Michael J. Coles College  
13 of Business, a position she held from 2012 to 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Schwaig served as KSU's provost and senior vice president for academic  
15 affairs from 2019 to 2021 where she was responsible for all aspects of the university's  
16 academic mission, including the planning, budgeting, and reviewing of programs in  
17 instruction, research, and continuing education; and

18 WHEREAS, she also supervised the deans of KSU's 11 colleges and led the faculty in their  
19 efforts to strengthen academic programs and foster a culture of academic excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, during her eight months as interim president, Dr. Schwaig has focused on  
21 student centered policies and practices aimed at improving retention, progression, and  
22 graduation rates; and

23 WHEREAS, she has also been focused on creating the Student Success Steering Committee,  
24 which works to coordinate and improve student success initiatives at a university that  
25 currently offers over 165 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees and serves just under  
26 43,000 students; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Schwaig has created a new campus communication structure, successfully  
28 engaged with donors to raise money for scholarships, coordinated strategic and tactical  
29 planning for campus and athletic facilities, and expanded the university's overall strategic  
30 framework, the R2 Roadmap, by adding a new focus to build engagement both on-campus  
31 and with community and business partners; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Schwaig has been dedicated to providing unparalleled service and support  
33 and remains steadfastly committed to the principles of skill, integrity, and responsibility; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
35 extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body congratulate Dr. Kathy "Kat" Schwaig for being named president  
38 of Kennesaw State University and extend best wishes for her future success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
41 Kathy "Kat" Schwaig.