

House Resolution 54

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 171st, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Charles E. Backes on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 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 the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment
5 to higher education; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the education of young people in this state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his time as a professor at Valdosta State University; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Backes's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
10 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
11 students of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
12 associates; and

13 WHEREAS, his contributions include 21 published articles in a wide variety of professional
14 and trade journals and more than 90 professional presentations at state, regional, national,
15 and international conferences; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Backes has earned distinction and numerous awards including the 2015
17 Lifetime Service Award by the Trade and Industrial Education Division of the Association
18 for Career and Technical Education and the 2012 Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
19 Award by the Trade and Industrial Educators of Georgia (TIEGA) and the Georgia
20 Association for Career and Technical Education (GACTE); and

21 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and his vision and unyielding commitment to
23 higher education will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; 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
33 Dr. Charles E. Backes.