

Senate Resolution 183

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending University of West Georgia President Kyle Marrero; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, President Kyle Marrero has made a significant impact on the West Georgia
3 region through his leadership over the last five and a half years at the University of West
4 Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, under President Marrero's leadership, the institution has adopted a bold vision
6 to become the best comprehensive university in America, sought after as the best place to
7 work, learn, and succeed; and
- 8 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the University of West Georgia has achieved five years of
9 record enrollment growth, record graduation rates, and record degrees conferred; and
- 10 WHEREAS, President Marrero led the institution to achieve record fundraising and
11 economic impact to the West Georgia region; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the institution is ranked in the top third for online graduate education by *U.S.*
13 *News & World Report*; and
- 14 WHEREAS, President Marrero fostered a campus culture focused on providing
15 transformative opportunities for students to succeed in the classroom and become workforce
16 ready upon graduation; and
- 17 WHEREAS, President Marrero believes that engaged faculty and staff are critical to creating
18 an environment in which students can succeed; and
- 19 WHEREAS, President Marrero has expressed deep commitment to evidence-based
20 leadership, employee engagement, and sustainability and diversity; and

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

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

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

31 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Education Collaborative has been cited as one of the most
32 innovative efforts in the country by the Harvard University Pathways to Prosperity Project;
33 and

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

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

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

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 commend University of West Georgia President Kyle Marrero and express their deepest
42 gratitude for his commitment to higher education in the State of Georgia.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to University of West
45 Georgia President Kyle Marrero.