

House Resolution 796

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Barr of the 103rd, Duncan of the 26th, Brockway of the 102nd, Teasley of the 37th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Representative David Casas on receiving his Doctorate of Philosophy in Old
2 Testament; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative David Casas entered politics on a mission to make a difference
4 for Georgia's families and is now serving his eighth term as a member of the General
5 Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Casas's perseverance and hard work has culminated in his
7 achieving this ultimate academic credential, a Doctorate of Philosophy in Old Testament; and

8 WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree in history from Georgia State University in
9 1996 and continued his education with a Masters in Christian Studies in 2010 and a Masters
10 of Divinity in 2012 from Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, he began study in August, 2012, in the Old Testament doctoral program under
12 Dr. Russell T. Fuller at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2017, he successfully defended his doctoral thesis on the Spiritual
15 Interpretation of the Image of God before professors Dr. Russell T. Fuller, Dr. Gregg Allison,
16 and Dr. T.J. Betts of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

17 WHEREAS, upon successful defense of his doctoral thesis, Representative Casas was
18 conferred the title of Doctor of Philosophy in Old Testament; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout the years as an educator and a legislator, his family and especially
20 his devoted wife, Ann, have been of tremendous support and encouragement to him; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
22 academic achievements of this extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body congratulate Representative David Casas on receiving his
25 Doctorate of Philosophy in Old Testament and extend best wishes for his continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
28 David Casas.