

# Resolution

*WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Rotary Student Program desires to recognize extraordinary contributions to the success of the program; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates joined the Rotary Club of Americus in 1982, served as President in 1994-95, and later served as an Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 6900; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates has served as host family and as a Trustee of the Georgia Rotary Student Program; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates has provided vision and leadership, serving as program Secretary from 2003-2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates has supported the Georgia Rotary Student Program endowment and has been named a Will Watt Fellow, Hugh Thomas Fellow and Kendall Weisiger Fellow; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates has provided exemplary service and distinguished organizational leadership and devoted many years advocating support for the Georgia Rotary Student Program; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates has extended "World Peace Through Understanding" by being a counselor, advisor and friend to countless students and fellow Rotarians; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. John Bates has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to the ideals of "Service Above Self" and "World Peace Through Understanding".*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Rotary Student Program do recognize and thank Dr. John Bates for his years of leadership and service and do hereby designate Dr. John Bates, Trustee Emeritus of the Georgia Rotary Student Program this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.*

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*James L. Drake, Jr. - Chairman*

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*Terry Gordon - Treasurer*



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*Beth Sikes - Vice Chairman*

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*Blake McBurney - Secretary*