

House Resolution 1365

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Boddie of the 62nd, Gravley of the 67th, Bruce of the 61st, and Collins of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge William H. "Beau" McClain on his outstanding public
2 service with the Superior Court of Douglas County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge William H. "Beau" McClain has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge McClain was first elected to the Superior Court of Douglas County in
7 2008 and was reelected several times; he founded the first felony drug court in Douglas
8 County and initiated a corresponding mental health court; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to assuming the bench, he served as chief assistant district attorney in two
10 judicial courts and acquired nearly 40 years of experience as a trial lawyer and judge; and

11 WHEREAS, outside of his professional career, Judge McClain previously served as the troop
12 committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 228 from the First United Methodist Church of
13 Douglasville until 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, as Hurricane Katrina refugees relocated to Douglas County, Judge McClain
15 cofounded Faith in Action, which delivers usable beds, furniture, and appliances to those in
16 need; he also founded Operation Christmas Douglas County, which provided more than
17 47,000 needy local children with new Christmas gifts in its first five years; and

18 WHEREAS, Judge McClain serves at The Pantry, the community food ministry, and is a
19 former board member of The Hope Project and the Pregnancy Resource Center; and

20 WHEREAS, his service to those in need extends to plans for establishing Sanctuary Village,
21 a housing and treatment facility for the homeless; and

22 WHEREAS, for his extensive deeds of service, Judge McClain was honored with the
23 Douglas Chamber of Commerce Sam Roberts Community Service Award; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge McClain's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
25 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
26 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge William H. "Beau" McClain for his
31 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend
32 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge
35 William H. "Beau" McClain.