

## House Resolution 230

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Hatchett of the 150<sup>th</sup>, and Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending John Schuerholz on his outstanding service with the Braves  
2 franchise; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, John Schuerholz has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Braves franchise; and

9 WHEREAS, following 26 years as a Major League general manager, Schuerholz stepped  
10 aside as general manger after the 2007 season and was named president of the Braves on  
11 October 11, 2007, he spent seasons as the Braves' executive vice president and general  
12 manager from 1991 to 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, John came to the Braves from the Kansas City Royals in October of 1990, and  
14 before his promotion to club president, he had the longest tenure with the same organization  
15 among all Major League general managers; and

16 WHEREAS, under his leadership and guidance as general manager, the Braves achieved  
17 unprecedented success, compiling the best record in baseball over 17 seasons from 1991 to  
18 2007, and establishing an American professional sports record by winning 14 consecutive  
19 division titles from 1991 to 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, Schuerholz was inducted into the Braves Hall of Fame in August, 2016; the  
21 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in February, 2015; and the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame in 2008;  
22 the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum recognized him as the National League Executive of  
23 the Year in 2001, 2002, and 2005, and he was honored with the Outstanding Achievement

24 in Baseball award by the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation and the Braves 400 Club's  
25 Ivan Allen, Jr., "Mr. Baseball" award; and

26 WHEREAS, he received the game's highest honor in December, 2016, when he was elected  
27 to the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

28 WHEREAS, John Schuerholz's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
29 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
30 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
31 associates; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize and commend John Schuerholz for his efficient,  
36 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the Braves franchise and extend the most  
37 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John  
40 Schuerholz.