

## House Resolution 81

By: Representatives Williams of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Mosby of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup>, and Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Burrell Ellis for his outstanding public service; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Burrell Ellis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital  
4 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
5 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 as chief executive officer of DeKalb County; and

9 WHEREAS, he first became the chief executive officer of DeKalb County, the third largest  
10 county in Georgia, in 2009, and was reelected for a second term in 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, Burrell Ellis has brought the government closer to the people by establishing  
12 the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, which offers training, resources, and support to  
13 communities in DeKalb County; and

14 WHEREAS, after partnering with leaders from federal, state, private, and non-private  
15 sectors, he established One DeKalb, which led to the creation of a local jobs stimulus  
16 program that produced 4,700 jobs in infrastructure improvements; and

17 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual has been recognized by numerous organizations and  
18 periodicals for his efficient leadership skills, including the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of  
19 Commerce and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
21 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
22 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

23 WHEREAS, he has served as chief executive officer of DeKalb County with honor and  
24 distinction, and his vision and unyielding commitment to improving his community have set  
25 the standard for public service; and

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

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

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 Burrell Ellis.