

House Resolution 830

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, England of the 116th, Burns of the 159th, Beverly of the 143rd, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Thomas “Tom” M. Risko; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thomas “Tom” M. Risko has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Risko began working for the State Board of Workers' Compensation
6 (SBWC) on December 27, 1967, as a part-time file clerk while completing his undergraduate
7 degree at Georgia State University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after earning his Master of Business Administration, he moved up from
9 accounting officer in 1978 to director of budget & finance in 1989 and finally on to chief
10 financial officer; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he has served under nine governors, the first being Governor
12 Lester Maddox, as well as nine SBWC chairmen; and

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

16 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
17 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Thomas “Tom” M. Risko for his efficient,
22 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
23 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
24 health and happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
27 Thomas “Tom” M. Risko.