

House Resolution 847

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Ralston of the 7th, Smyre of the 135th, Maxwell of the 17th, and Harrell of the 106th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Fred "Young Fred" Kitchens on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fred Kitchens has devoted his life's career to the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers
4 of Georgia, previously known as the Georgia Distilled Spirits Institute, for 44 years and has
5 served as the association's executive director for the past 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2017 Legislative Session marks Fred's 42nd consecutive session as a
7 legislative engineer, i.e., lobbyist; his tenure has spanned the administrations of Governors
8 Carter, Busbee, Harris, Miller, Barnes, Perdue, and Deal; and

9 WHEREAS, the wine and spirits industry of Georgia is crucial to the state's economy,
10 tourism, and hospitality and Fred's legislative achievements on the local, state, and federal
11 levels have shaped Georgia's healthy and growing alcohol marketplace; and

12 WHEREAS, Fred has also served as a member of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of
13 America's Advisory Council since 1985 and led the Council as chairman from 1998 through
14 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, Fred has been a tireless advocate for the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of
16 Georgia's Scholarship Foundation, which has delivered nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships
17 to students attending Georgia colleges; and

18 WHEREAS, Fred Kitchens graduated from the University of Georgia as a "Double Dawg,"
19 with an undergraduate degree in journalism and a juris doctor degree thereafter, and he is a
20 lifetime supporter of the Bulldogs and proud member of the Gridiron Society, "sic vos non
21 vobis"; and

22 WHEREAS, he proudly served in the United States Army as a commissioned officer in the
23 Judge Advocate General's Corps in Texas and later in Korea; and as a member of the State
24 Bar he was admitted to practice before the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the
25 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and the U.S. Court of Military
26 Appeals; and

27 WHEREAS, a native of Rockmart, Fred and his wife of 48 years, Ginny, reside in Putnam
28 County, have two children and four grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, the owners and employers spanning multiple generations of Georgia's family
30 operated independent wholesalers wish to commend Fred for his lifetime of service to the
31 industry and the state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body do hereby commend Fred Kitchens for his years of service to his
34 country, state, and community and congratulate him on the grand occasion of his retirement.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fred
37 "Young Fred" Kitchens.