

Senate Resolution 1005

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating James F. Grubiak; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, James F. Grubiak (Jim) has long been recognized as one of the most competent
3 and knowledgeable masters of the specialized arcana of local government law; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jim's career path began as the founder of a Daytona, Florida, area band called
5 The Bavarian Buschmen, opening for the Allman Joys, later to be known as the Allman
6 Brothers Band; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after setting aside his blossoming music career to pursue a Bachelor of Science
8 degree in economics and Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Auburn University,
9 Jim turned his leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, and his keen sense
10 of vision to serve the citizens of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Jim's service to the public began in 1972 with the Georgia Department of
12 Community Affairs where he served as Planner, Community Impact Coordinator for military
13 base expansions, State Director of the Appalachian Regional Commission Program, DCA
14 Economic Development Section Chief, and Coast Zone Advisory Council member; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after earning a Juris Doctor from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law, Jim
16 refocused his efforts on Georgia counties and began his service with Association County
17 Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in 1982, where he has served as staff attorney,
18 legislative director, and general counsel; and
- 19 WHEREAS, this beloved individual has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
20 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties,
21 particularly grammar, punctuation, and style, throughout his career of peerless public service
22 for ACCG; and

23 WHEREAS, Jim is the consummate public policy and legal professional and has personally
24 "Grubiaked" all of the operations, programs, and administration of ACCG with his
25 impressive wealth of experience and ability and has played a key and indispensable role in
26 the establishment of ACCG's nationally recognized retirement and insurance programs; and

27 WHEREAS, Jim has mentored countless ACCG staff and local government attorneys during
28 his 34 years with the association, earning him the respect and admiration of his colleagues
29 and associates; and

30 WHEREAS, for 40 regular and special legislative sessions, Jim has worked tirelessly to help
31 craft countless pieces of legislation to help local governments provide better services to their
32 citizens; and

33 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly of Georgia who worked closely with Jim
34 will always admire his consistently thorough consideration of the many matters presented,
35 and his knowledge, integrity, and reliability rightfully earned him their honor, respect, and
36 trust over the years; and

37 WHEREAS, he has consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of
38 sensitive issues and has developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose
39 decisions are governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and whose actions are marked
40 by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

41 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
42 endeavors and whose primary concern is the proper operation of the county governments of
43 Georgia; and

44 WHEREAS, Jim's unparalleled work ethic epitomizes perfectly the ideal and true spirit of
45 public service; and

46 WHEREAS, one quickly runs out of sufficiently descriptive superlative adjectives when
47 attempting to describe Jim's mastery of the law, his total professionalism while shaping and
48 guiding sound public policy, and his absolute integrity and loyalty in laboring on behalf of
49 Georgia's counties; and

50 WHEREAS, he has announced the conclusion of his exceptional tenure of service to ACCG
51 effective July 1, 2016, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary
52 attainments of this exceptional and singular man be recognized appropriately.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that James F. Grubiak is
54 commended for the 44 years of effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service that he
55 has rendered to the people of Georgia and extended the utmost appreciation for his having
56 so purely and truly defined for others, throughout his time employed by the State of Georgia
57 and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the meaning of public service.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
59 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to James F. Grubiak.