

Senate Resolution 1169

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Carter of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th and others

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. J. David Vega; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. J. David Vega has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of Georgia's citizens and this nation's veterans; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. J. David Vega received his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University,  
6 his medical doctorate from the University of Michigan, and his certification from the  
7 American Board of Surgery in 1994 and from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery in  
8 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1996-2001, Dr. Vega served as an assistant professor of cardiothoracic  
10 surgery at the Emory University School of Medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, he is currently director of the Heart Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory  
12 Support program at Emory University Hospital and is chief of cardiothoracic surgery at the  
13 Veterans Administration Medical Center in Decatur, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards for his outstanding  
15 contributions to the field of cardiothoracic surgery, including the 2002 Woodruff Fund  
16 Clinical Teaching Support Award in Cardiothoracic Surgery and the 2010 Ligon Foundation  
17 funded internship to support a graduate or postdoctoral student; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Vega has also authored numerous publications and has served on several  
19 professional committees, including the Solid Organ Transplant Committee and the LifeLink  
20 Foundation Board of Governors; and

21 WHEREAS, he is married to Susan Leigh Vega and is blessed with three wonderful children,  
22 Rachael, Paige, and Miranda; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this remarkable  
24 and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize and commend Dr. J. David Vega for his dedication and commitment to the citizens  
27 of the State of Georgia and the veterans of this nation and express to him their most sincere  
28 best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. J. David Vega.