

Senate Resolution 1267

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending David Getachew-Smith, Sr., for his vital role in community
2 leadership; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, David Getachew-Smith, Sr., serves as the Chairman of Atlanta Neighborhood
4 Planning Unit-Q; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta established a Neighborhood Planning Unit system in 1974
6 to provide an opportunity for people to participate in comprehensive development plans for
7 the city's future as members of citizen advisory councils who make recommendations to the
8 mayor and city council on zoning, land use, and other planning issues so as to help make
9 decisions that best meet the needs of individual communities and the entire city; and

10 WHEREAS, he believes in giving back to his community and has been involved with
11 numerous groups and organizations over the years, including: coach of the Legal Lives Mock
12 Trial Program at Peyton Forest, Beecher Hills, and Frank L. Stanton Elementary Schools;
13 reading tutor at Perkerson Elementary School; board member of Kids In Need of Dreams,
14 Inc.; Georgia National Guard/Youth Challenge Program mentor; advisory board of the
15 Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Leadership Atlanta; vice president of the Gate City
16 Bar Association; Atlanta C.A.R.E. Committee; H.E.A.L.; Young Adult Men's Guidance
17 Center; and St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Board; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Getachew-Smith attended Atlanta Public Schools; St. Andrew's School as
19 a Stouffer Foundation Scholar in Suwanee, Tennessee; Yale University in New Haven,
20 Connecticut; London School of Economics in England; and Harvard Law School in
21 Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a conscientious family man who lives in Southwest Atlanta and stays
23 involved in his community through the homeowners association and community association,
24 serving as an advocate for improving the city's infrastructure, reducing crime, providing

25 affordable housing, creating educational opportunities, and encouraging business
26 development to help sustain Atlanta's neighborhoods so that they are safe and viable places
27 to live, work, and play; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Getachew-Smith was the legal producer for *The Judge Hatchett Show*, a
29 nationally televised court TV show; and

30 WHEREAS, in November 2007, he was appointed assistant district attorney in Fulton
31 County and represents the State of Georgia in criminal and civil appeals before the Fulton
32 Superior Court, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of David
34 Getachew-Smith, Sr., be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize David Getachew-Smith, Sr., commend him for his service to our city and state, and
37 extend best wishes to him for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to David
40 Getachew-Smith, Sr.