

## Senate Resolution 170

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Cowsert of the 46th, Harbison of the 15th, Strickland of the 17th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton for his  
2 30 years in state government; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton has long been recognized  
4 by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in state government and his  
5 deep personal commitment to the well-being of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has devoted innumerable hours of his time, talent, and energy toward the  
7 betterment of his state and community, as evidenced by his rise from an attorney to serving  
8 as Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton was born in Washington, D.C., to Augustus A. Melton Jr.  
10 and Carol Melton on September 25, 1966. He grew up in East Point and Marietta, Georgia;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he attended Auburn University, where he was the first black person elected to  
13 serve as president of the student senate. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University  
14 of Georgia in 1991; and

15 WHEREAS, prior to joining the court, Chief Justice Melton spent 11 years with the Georgia  
16 Department of Law where he dealt with issues ranging from the creation of the Georgia  
17 Lottery Commission to Georgia's tobacco settlement; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton also served as executive counsel to Governor Sonny  
19 Perdue, representing the Governor on legal matters covering the entire scope of state  
20 government; and

21 WHEREAS, among his many civic activities, he served as a volunteer leader of Young Life  
22 Ministry, serving on its local board as well as the national board. He is also a board member  
23 of Atlanta Youth Academies; and

24 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton currently resides in Atlanta with his wife, Kimberly, and  
25 their three children; and

26 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia  
27 Supreme Court; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 recognize and commend Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton for his  
32 efficient, effective, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him  
33 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
34 continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia Supreme  
37 Court Chief Justice Harold Melton.