

Senate Resolution 229

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th and Dolezal of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mark Fockele; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mark Fockele founded The Fockele Garden Company in 1990, and he has
3 guided its success for 30 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, under Mark's leadership, the company installed hundreds of gardens at
5 businesses, schools and colleges, places of worship, private homes, hospitals and health care
6 facilities, apartments, residential communities, retirement communities, botanical gardens,
7 public parks, and nature centers throughout the Southeast as well as in our community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mark instilled and embraced a company culture that encouraged all employees
9 and their families to be creative, identify and reach goals, honor themselves and others, share
10 with others, and prepare for success; and
- 11 WHEREAS, through Mark's vision, each garden created by The Fockele Garden Company
12 serves its purpose for visitors of all ages—giving people a place to heal, meditate,
13 commemorate, exercise, learn, socialize, appreciate wildlife, protect the environment,
14 conserve natural resources, grow food, inspire, awaken their senses, and feel joyful; and

15 WHEREAS, Mark and his team developed a successful business model that integrated
16 project design, installation, and management. This approach provides a vehicle for
17 comprehensive customer service, which fosters attentive, professional relations with clients
18 that will last many years; and

19 WHEREAS, in advance of his retirement, Mark identified and nurtured a succession team
20 that will keep the company moving forward and growing while continuing to serve clients
21 throughout North Georgia by providing high-quality design, installation, and maintenance
22 of residential gardens and commercial landscapes; and

23 WHEREAS, in Mark's words, "I have enjoyed work that incorporated the pleasure I
24 experience in doing landscape projects. I have enjoyed developing relationships with clients
25 and helping each one to build a garden and landscape they desired. And then, as we watch
26 their gardens mature, seeing the joy that it brings to them"; and

27 WHEREAS, in his family life, Mark has participated in raising three children who are great
28 young people and are concerned about making their community and the world a better place,
29 environmentally and socially; and

30 WHEREAS, Mark Fockele has dutifully earned a fruitful and satisfying retirement. The
31 gardens that he helped to create continue to enrich our lives, add beauty to our surroundings,
32 and help us value being part of a community.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize and commend Mark Fockele and extend sincere best wishes for many years of
35 satisfying retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mark Fockele.