

Senate Resolution 258

By: Senator Hill of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sam Massell and the Buckhead Coalition on the occasion of
2 their 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sam Massell, former mayor of Atlanta and current president of the Buckhead
4 Coalition, is sharing his silver anniversary with the group, whose mission is to "nurture the
5 quality of life of those who live, visit, work, and play in its 28 square miles"; and

6 WHEREAS, he has lived in Atlanta, Georgia, all his life and spent 22 years in elective
7 offices, including four as mayor and eight as president of the Atlanta City Council; and

8 WHEREAS, Sam Massell is the father of MARTA and a pioneer in providing minority
9 opportunities, and he structured the Omni development with no call on ad valorem taxes and
10 provided police the highest raise in Atlanta's history; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1988, he was recruited by initial chairman Charlie Loudermilk and the
12 headhunting firm Korn Ferry and immediately began implementing ideas and strategies in
13 order to improve the community; and

14 WHEREAS, under the leadership and direction of Sam Massell, the Buckhead Coalition has
15 served as a supplement to the government, being supportive rather than adversarial; and

16 WHEREAS, the Buckhead Coalition has had numerous achievements, including lobbying
17 to convince the Atlanta City Council to vote to approve the construction of the Georgia 400
18 highway through Buckhead, raising close to \$400,000.00 for the renovation of the Atlanta
19 International School, being the first organization in the United States to place automated
20 external defibrillators in areas where people congregate, and many more; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of Sam
22 Massell and the Buckhead Coalition be recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Sam Massell and the Buckhead Coalition on the occasion of their 25th anniversary
25 and recognize their outstanding contributions to the community.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sam Massell and the Buckhead
28 Coalition.