

Senate Resolution 274

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Strickland of the 17th, Karinshak of the 48th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge James Chafin III upon the grand occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James Chafin is a judge in the State Court of Henry County, having been
4 appointed on January 1, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Chafin has been successfully reelected for four full-year terms, and he
6 retired on December 31, 2018, and assumed senior judge status; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Chafin graduated from Henry County High School in 1970 and was
8 appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point and graduated in 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and attended pilot training school
10 and flew B-52s while on active duty; and

11 WHEREAS, he left active duty in 1979 and joined the Air Force Reserve and continued this
12 duty for 30 years until his retirement as a Colonel in 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, he held a variety of positions, including commanding a civil engineer squadron
14 at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. The culmination of his career was serving at the Pentagon
15 immediately after the 9/11 attack and being deployed to Southwest Asia; and

16 WHEREAS, he graduated from Georgia State College of Law in 1988 and had a successful
17 law practice with Alex and Wade Crumbly in McDonough. He argued cases before the
18 Georgia Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Chafin has been active in community organizations and charitable
20 activities; he is most proud of being a founding director of A Friend's House, Henry County's
21 shelter for children in need; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Chafin is married to the former Sally Lee Turner and they have two
23 grown children, Barbara Chafin and James T. Chafin IV. He is a member of McDonough
24 First United Methodist Church.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Judge James T. Chafin III upon the grand occasion of his retirement,
27 offer sincere congratulations, and express our utmost appreciation for his dedicated service
28 to our community.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge James T.
31 Chafin III.