

Senate Resolution 628

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending R. Derril Gay, PhD for his years of distinguished service to
2 the citizens of Georgia and the public safety net system and for his service as a public policy
3 advisor to the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards Inc.; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, in 1964, R. Derril Gay, PhD began serving the safety net of Georgia by
6 assisting the Georgia Department of Public Health Division of Mental Health, later joining
7 the Department of Human Resources in 1972 as Director of the Mental Health Section and
8 finishing his service in the Georgia Department of Human Resources as the Director of the
9 Division of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, he dedicated his time and resources to serving the DeKalb County Board of
11 Health from 1981 to 1994 until the statutory creation of the DeKalb Community Service
12 Board, where he served as the first executive director until 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, he represented the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards as a
14 public policy advisor from 2004 to 2014, where he provided valuable insight to the safety net
15 system and advocated for persons with mental health, addictive diseases, and intellectual and
16 developmental disabilities before the governing boards and commissioners of the Georgia
17 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Department
18 of Community Health, the Georgia General Assembly, and other state agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 extraordinary citizen be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize R. Derril Gay, PhD for his service to the Georgia Association of Community
23 Service Boards Inc.; commend him for setting the foundations of Georgia's public safety net
24 system; and extend best wishes for future success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to R. Derril Gay,
27 PhD.