

Senate Resolution 647

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ray Crowder on his outstanding public service as a mayor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ray Crowder has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the City of Chickamauga; and

9 WHEREAS, he served for one year as councilman before resigning to run for mayor, a
10 position he has held since 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, the Chickamauga native, with his wife Martha, has reared two daughters,
12 Connie Capehart and Karen Hicks; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray Crowder has invested many years in Chickamauga, beginning in the 1970s
14 when he was appointed to the Chickamauga City Board of Education, and during that period,

15 he also served 12 years as the city's fire chief and served on the school board for 15 years
16 until 1988, when he stepped down to run for city council; and

17 WHEREAS, he founded Ray Crowder Service, an appliance and heating and air conditioning
18 service business, and he and his brother owned and operated Crowder Supply Company for
19 36 years until they sold the business in 1994; and

20 WHEREAS, Ray Crowder was drafted in 1950 during the Korean conflict and spent two
21 years in the army in El Paso, Texas, the only other city he has ever lived in; and

22 WHEREAS, Ray Crowder's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
23 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
24 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Ray Crowder for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
29 public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
30 health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ray Crowder.