

Senate Resolution 685

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Charles D. "Donny" Peppers, Sr., on the occasion of  
2 his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Charles D. "Donny" Peppers, Sr., has long been recognized by the  
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Peppers has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours  
7 of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as  
8 evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a judge; and

9 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Walker County, Georgia, he graduated from Lafayette  
10 High School in 1963 and graduated from the University of Chattanooga in 1967; and

11 WHEREAS, after teaching school in Walker County from 1967 to 1972, Judge Peppers  
12 attended Atlanta Law School, graduating in 1978 and working as Assistant District Attorney  
13 from 1978 to 1979; and

14 WHEREAS, he joined the law firm of Watson & Dana in 1980, and in 1983 he became a  
15 partner in the firm of Watson, Dana & Peppers; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1985, he was appointed Judge of the State Court of Walker County by then  
17 Governor Joe Frank Harris, running unopposed for reelection seven times, and serving for  
18 26 years before retiring on June 30, 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, he was appointed Senior Judge of the State Court by  
20 Governor Nathan Deal, and his significant leadership talents, his remarkable patience, and  
21 his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and  
22 admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

23 WHEREAS, during his time of service, Judge Peppers served four years on the Board of  
24 Court Reporting, four years on the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, two years on  
25 the Judicial Council of Georgia, six years on the Committee for Continuing Judicial  
26 Education, held the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, President-elect, and President of the  
27 Council of State Court Judges, served as Chairperson of the Budget and Legislative  
28 Committees of the Council of State Court Judges, and received the Ogden Doremus Award,  
29 the most prestigious award offered by the Council of State Court Judges; and

30 WHEREAS, Judge Peppers has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and  
31 unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement, and it is  
32 therefore abundantly fitting that the outstanding service of this distinguished Georgian be  
33 appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend Judge Charles D. "Donny" Peppers, Sr., for his dedicated public service to the  
36 State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to  
37 him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge Charles D. "Donny" Peppers.