

Senate Resolution 708

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Stone of the 23rd, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Thomas L. Coleman for his many outstanding
2 contributions made to the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas L. Coleman is a retired senior executive in government services;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman recently served as chief of staff to Chief Executive Officer Burrell
6 Ellis, DeKalb County, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman has provided an extensive service to the citizens of Georgia,
8 having served for over 18 years as the deputy commissioner of the Department of Juvenile
9 Justice; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1991, Dr. Coleman was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to become the
11 director for the Georgia Department of Highway Safety; he served until 1995 and was
12 honored by Governor Miller as one of his most important appointments of his administration;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman is a retired and highly decorated Vietnam veteran of the United
15 States Air Force as an officer with over 25 years of military service; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman has served as a college professor of educational research and a
17 statistician in the graduate school at Central Michigan University; he also served as a college
18 adjunct professor of management and economics at Georgia Perimeter College and Saint Leo
19 College and as a college administrator at DeKalb Technical Institute; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman is the president of his own firm, the "management center," and a
21 distinguished writer, author, and accomplished lecturer; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman's dedication to being a leader in the community and developing
23 future leaders is recognized in his book, *Put me in Coach*, which is about management styles
24 and decision-making; he recently completed a second book, *From There to Here*, a memoir
25 of his life journey; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Georgia State
27 University, a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University, and
28 a doctorate degree in higher education administration and supervision from Clarke Atlanta
29 University; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman serves on several boards, including as vice chair of the board of
31 directors of Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Board of Juvenile Justice, DeKalb County
32 Housing Authority, and Richard L. Barclay Educational Endowment, Inc., and Hillcrest
33 Church of Christ.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize and commend Dr. Thomas L. Coleman for his many outstanding contributions
36 made to the citizens of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
37 success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Thomas L.
40 Coleman.