

Senate Resolution 874

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd,
Davenport of the 44th, Lucas of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Lester G. Jackson III on his outstanding public service as
2 a Georgia state senator; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lester G. Jackson III has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for his commendable leadership and longstanding commitment to the welfare of the citizens
5 of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently devoted his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of
7 his community and state, as evidenced dramatically by his outstanding service in the Georgia
8 General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Meharry Medical College in 1985, Dr. Jackson was
10 commissioned as a naval officer, proudly serving for seven years as a dental officer for the
11 United States Navy, where he obtained the rank of lieutenant commander; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was first elected to the legislature in 1998, and he served for the
13 Georgia House of Representatives for ten years before he was elected to the Georgia Senate,
14 where he currently serves as chairman for the Urban Affairs Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, he was elected Legislator of the Year by the members of the Georgia
16 Legislative Black Caucus and currently serves as the chairman of that respected organization,
17 which is the largest in the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson is a nationally renowned healthcare provider who has received
19 numerous awards, including being named Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Dental
20 Association and receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the National Dental
21 Association; partnering with his wife, Dr. Lorna C. Jackson, their practice, The Jackson
22 Dental Center, is a cornerstone of dental services for the state's coastal region; and

23 WHEREAS, as CEO of Coastal Health Solutions Inc., a company that recognizes the
24 growing need to promote and employ dental allied health professionals who are experts in
25 their field, he has provided leadership and economic opportunity; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson's leadership, his enduring patience, and wise diplomacy, along with
27 his responsiveness to the needs of the citizens of this state, have earned him the respect and
28 admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia General
30 Assembly, and his vision and tireless commitment to the betterment of Georgia will be sorely
31 missed upon the occasion of his departure; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the contributions and accomplishments
33 of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize and commend Dr. Lester G. Jackson III for his outstanding, unselfish, effective,

36 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend their most sincere best wishes
37 for continued health and happiness on the occasion of his departure from the Georgia State
38 Senate.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Lester G.
41 Jackson III.