

Senate Resolution 894

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Max Cooper; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Max Cooper became a pediatrician after graduation from Tulane University
3 School of Medicine; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Cooper has been at Emory University School of Medicine for ten years,
5 joining its pathology department as the Georgia Research Alliance's Eminent Scholar in
6 Developmental Immunology; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he, along with famed Australian scientist, Dr. Jacques Miller, was recognized
8 with one of the most acclaimed scientific awards in the world, the Japan Prize; and
- 9 WHEREAS, their work has contributed significantly to the advancement of anti-cancer and
10 anti-cytokine drugs for the treatment of diseases like rheumatoid arthritis; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dr. Cooper is believed to be the first person with ties to Georgia to win this
12 most prestigious prize; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Japan Prize Foundation each year considers the nominations of 13,000
14 prominent scientists and researchers from around the world; and
- 15 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1985, the foundation has awarded the prize to 91 laureates
16 from 13 countries; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Cooper's and Dr. Miller's contributions to the understanding of human and
18 animal B-cells and T-cells, the highly specialized cells that respond to germs, have helped
19 close the gap in developing meaningful outcomes in prevention and possible cures for
20 diseases, and show enormous potential for future discoveries; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
22 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Dr. Max Cooper for his diligence and dedication in the field of
25 medicine and congratulate him on attaining the prestigious Japan Prize.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Max Cooper.