

Senate Resolution 997

By: Senator Miller of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Joseph Handy for his pivotal role in contributing to Georgia's economic
2 prosperity and his philanthropic efforts toward the betterment of Georgia; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Joseph Handy is the newly appointed president of the Georgia Aquarium
5 Foundation, having served as the Georgia Aquarium's president and chief operating officer
6 since 2017; under his leadership, the Georgia Aquarium was the recipient of the 2019 Marcus
7 Downtown Economic Impact Award; and

8 WHEREAS, a leader in the greater zoo and aquarium industry, Joseph has had more than 20
9 years of experience in cultural institutions and is an active member of the Association of
10 Zoos and Aquariums Business Operations Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Joseph is heavily involved in the community as a member of the Kennesaw
12 State University Board of Trustees and the Strategic Planning Committee and as a member
13 of the Advisory Boards of Kennesaw State University Business School, Central Atlanta
14 Progress, and the Morehouse Leadership Honor Society; he also serves on the Board of
15 Directors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Advisors at the Atlanta
16 Metro Chamber and recently was named the chairman of the board for Fulton County Court
17 Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA); and

18 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual has had a tremendous impact on his community
19 through his spirit of service and dedication to the Georgia Aquarium and has been recognized
20 with many awards and honors, including the Atlanta Business League 2018 Men of Influence
21 Award, a Georgia State Senate Remarkable and Distinguished Georgian resolution, the
22 ICABA Atlanta's Leading Influencers Award, and the Secretary of State's Outstanding
23 Georgia Citizen Award; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize Joseph Handy for his many contributions to the State of Georgia and extend to him
28 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Joseph Handy.