

House Resolution 1219

By: Representatives McBee of the 88th, Heard of the 89th and Hudgens of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and inviting the director, Dr. James
2 G. Ledbetter, to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government was created in 1927 at the University
4 of Georgia as the Institute of Public Affairs and celebrates its 75th anniversary this year; and

5 WHEREAS, the Institute focused on international, national, state, and local affairs and made
6 recommendations for improved governance and, in 1938, became the Institute for the Study
7 of Georgia Problems; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1958, the Institute of Law and Government held the first Biennial Institute
9 for Georgia Legislators, now a nationally recognized education program for newly elected
10 legislators, and published the *Handbook for Georgia Legislators*, now in its 12th edition; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1965, the present Institute of Government was established, and in 1983,
12 renamed for Carl Vinson, a member of the US House of Representatives for 50 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the Vinson Institute created professional certification courses for state and local
14 government officials; publishes the *State and Local Government Review*; provides textbooks
15 and seminars for teachers and students; offers citizens valuable information on its website,
16 *GeorgiaInfo*; assists city and county governments with technical knowledge; and has
17 established the International Center for Democratic Governance to expand its mission.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 this body commends the Carl Vinson Institute of Government on its 75th anniversary and
20 invites Director James G. Ledbetter to appear before this body at a time to be determined by
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James G. Ledbetter.