

Senate Resolution 871

By: Senators Starr of the 44th, Gillis of the 20th, Dean of the 31st, Bowen of the 13th, Blicht of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending James H. (Jim) Groome and extending to him best wishes during his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jim Groome is an outstanding citizen and lobbyist who has dedicated himself
4 to making Georgia a better place; and

5 WHEREAS, for many years, he was actively involved in the political arena in Georgia,
6 Tennessee, and Alabama and maintained a close working relationship with the leadership and
7 members of the House of Representatives and Senate in these states; and

8 WHEREAS, he maintained an active presence at the Georgia Capitol for over three decades;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, his commitment to his community is evident by the number of organizations
11 and associations of which he is a member including the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the
12 Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, and Keep America Beautiful; and

13 WHEREAS, through this diverse assortment of organizations to which he lends his talent and
14 time, he has striven for improvements in areas of interest ranging from business to the
15 environment; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1986, he became the executive vice president of the China Clay Producers
17 Association and worked diligently to protect the kaolin mining industry in Georgia, his
18 sincere efforts earning him the respect of an entire industry; and

19 WHEREAS, he also worked as a consultant for several companies including Inland
20 Paperboard and Packaging, Riverwood International Corp., and Georgia Industrial Group;
21 and

- 1 WHEREAS, in January, 2002, Jim Groome officially retired; and
- 2 WHEREAS, a resident of the City of Atlanta, he is a member of the Peachtree Presbyterian
3 Church and the Cherokee Town and Country Club; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he sits on the Board of Directors for Shepherd Center and is a member of the
5 Georgia Pulp and Paper Association and the Georgia Forestry Association; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Mary Ann, have three children and nine grandchildren;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Jim Groome is the epitome of respect and moral character and is a true
9 gentleman in every sense of the word; and
- 10 WHEREAS, it has been a true pleasure to work with him over the years.
- 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 commend James H. (Jim) Groome for a lifetime of extraordinary achievement and service,
13 express their gratitude for his contributions to the State of Georgia, and extend to him best
14 wishes during his years of retirement.
- 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jim Groome.