

House Resolution 197

By: Representatives Cummings of the 27th, Murphy of the 18th, Shanahan of the 10th, Walker of the 141st, Coleman of the 142nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Claude L. Vickers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Claude L. Vickers has served with the utmost integrity and distinction as a
3 financial officer, the State Auditor, and most recently as the Executive Director of Georgia
4 Public Broadcasting and has earned an impeccable reputation for sound financial
5 management; and

6 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1999, he was selected by the Governor to resolve the complex
7 fiscal problems at the state public broadcasting entity based upon his successful record of
8 administration, his financial expertise, and public confidence in his ability and leadership;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he reorganized the agency with a new management team, established new
11 controls, policies, and procedures, and fulfilled the goal of creating a fiscally strong
12 organization prepared for the challenging future of public broadcasting; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to joining Georgia Public Broadcasting, he served as the State Auditor for
14 eight years where he created an integrated audit approach for more than 400 state and local
15 governmental organizations, and he served on the boards of directors of 26 different boards,
16 commissions, and committees, including the State of Georgia Employees' Retirement
17 System, Teachers Retirement System, Georgia Development Authority, and the Georgia
18 Environmental Facilities Authority; and

19 WHEREAS, before his appointment by the General Assembly as the State Auditor, he served
20 for 11 years as Director of the Fiscal Division of the Georgia Department of Administrative
21 Services where he managed the state treasury, the self-insured risk management program,
22 and state-wide computer accounting systems; and

1 WHEREAS, his professional reputation and service is well known throughout his native state
2 and the southeastern region and includes serving as a member of Georgia's Distance Learning
3 Telemedicine Board, the Governor's Information Technology Policy Council, the
4 Infrastructure Committee of the Governor's Task Force on Education Information and
5 Technology, the National Educational Telecommunications Association, and the Satellite
6 Education Resources Consortium. He is a member of the Organization of State Broadcast
7 Executives and the Association of America's Public Television Stations, and is a professional
8 representative to the Public Broadcasting Service. He has served as a member and officer
9 of the Southeastern Intergovernmental Audit Forum; the National Association of State
10 Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers; the National Association of State Treasurers; the
11 Association of Government Accountants; and the State of Georgia Fiscal Management
12 Council. He was the first recipient of the Eagle Award for Excellence in Financial
13 Management by the Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body recognize and commend Claude L. Vickers for his exemplary
16 leadership and management and for his superb service to the State of Georgia and its citizens
17 and convey to him their appreciation, respect, and best wishes in his retirement.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Claude L. Vickers.