

Senate Resolution 253

By: Senator Thomas of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable William C. "Bill" Campbell, Mayor, City of
2 Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Campbell, during his two terms as Mayor of the City of Atlanta, has
4 served as a partner with the State of Georgia, the federal government, and numerous civic
5 and nonprofit community revitalization organizations to enhance the quality of life of citizens
6 of the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Campbell has focused his administration to make Atlanta safer and more
8 livable and economically developed by continuously improving and providing high quality
9 services to residents, visitors, and investors in the future of Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Campbell initiated partnerships with the State of Georgia which:

11 (1) Provided for the collaboration and coordination of services and facilities to prepare
12 for and to stage the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in the City of Atlanta and the State
13 of Georgia;

14 (2) Authorized the car rental tax, with the proceeds contributing to the development of
15 the \$215 million Philips Arena and a revitalized and vibrant downtown entertainment
16 district for all Georgians and visitors to enjoy;

17 (3) Enabled the negotiations by Mayor Campbell to secure the best sports arena deal in
18 the country, keeping the Hawks basketball team in the city; attracting a national hockey
19 league franchise, the Thrashers; and revitalizing downtown at no cost to taxpayers;

20 (4) Continued the successful Urban Residential Finance Authority, Tax Allocation
21 District, and Tax Increment Financing and Enterprise Zone programs to increase new
22 investment opportunities and economic development in the City of Atlanta to create over
23 4,000 new jobs and 7,000 new and rehabilitated housing units;

24 (5) Resulted in the receipt of over \$166 million in United States Department of Housing
25 and Urban Development (HUD) grants to rebuild or renovate public housing
26 communities, thereby contributing to the City of Atlanta Housing Authority's receiving

- 1 from HUD a perfect score of 100 in 2000, up from a score of 39 in 1994, when Mayor
2 Campbell assumed office;
- 3 (6) Enabled the City of Atlanta to attract an estimated increase of 10,000 new residents
4 since 1994, accompanied by an unheralded \$1 billion in building permits issued in 1999
5 and over \$6 billion since 1994;
- 6 (7) Positioned the city to embark upon the most ambitious upgrade of its water and
7 waste-water treatment facilities to better serve the needs of our residents and our growing
8 economy;
- 9 (8) Embarked upon the most ambitious expansion of the \$5.4 billion Hartsfield Atlanta
10 International Airport Capital Improvement Plan, which is currently underway;
- 11 (9) Forged an invaluable alliance between the State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta
12 to continue Atlanta's resurgence spirit as the capital of the new south; and
- 13 (10) Positioned the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia to take a leadership position
14 in the United States and the global economy of today and the future.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
16 commends Mayor William C. "Bill" Campbell for his many outstanding accomplishments
17 and his important contributions to the State of Georgia.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable William C. "Bill"
20 Campbell, Mayor, City of Atlanta, Georgia.