

House Resolution 486

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, West of the 101st, Childers of the 13th and Birdsong of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pete Wheeler, Commissioner of Veterans Service, and Jim Frederick, Assistant
2 Commissioner, and inviting them to appear before this body; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pete Wheeler, Commissioner of Veterans Service, has served this state with the
4 utmost ability and integrity and provided veterans and their families his most capable
5 assistance in matters concerning their personal welfare, benefits, and services; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been commissioner since 1949, serving more than 50 years under ten
7 Governors, and he served his country in the Army Infantry between 1942 and 1946, served
8 in the Georgia Army National Guard until July, 1978, and retired as a Brigadier General; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a member of the U.S. Veterans Advisory Commission, was
10 Georgia Chairman of the National Veterans Day Committee since 1954, and currently serves
11 as Chairman of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board; and

12 WHEREAS, he earned many awards for his service to veterans, including the Silver Helmet
13 Award from AMVETS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Silver Medal of Merit, the American
14 Legion Gold Honor Medal, and the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Frederick, Assistant Commissioner, has provided exceptional dedication
16 in the administration of the department he joined in May, 1995, following his completion of
17 more than 27 years of active military service and retirement as a U.S. Army Colonel.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 this body recognizes and invites Pete Wheeler, Commissioner of Veterans Service, and Jim
20 Frederick, his deputy, to appear before this body at a time to be determined by the Speaker.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to both gentlemen.