

House Resolution 716

By: Representative Parham of the 122<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending George Ross; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, George Ross has served with tremendous dedication and ability as a regional  
3 manager of state government affairs for Aventis Pharmaceuticals and its predecessors; and

4 WHEREAS, he was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 16, 1938, was reared in  
5 Detroit, Michigan, graduated from Wayne State University in 1960, entered the Air Force  
6 and served in Vietnam, the Philippines, and Belgian Congo, and left the service in 1966; and

7 WHEREAS, during his military service, he met a wonderful teacher named Bates, and they  
8 married on December 28, 1963, and are the proud parents of two adult daughters; and

9 WHEREAS, he entered the pharmaceutical industry as a sales representative in Charleston,  
10 South Carolina, with the Pitnam-Moore division of Dow Chemical; moved to Atlanta as a  
11 Division Manager in 1971; was promoted to Product Manager with Merrell-Dow in  
12 Indianapolis; was promoted to Regional Manager in Richmond, Virginia; came to Atlanta  
13 in 1981 as Government Affairs Regional Manager, then served as the director of the  
14 company's state government affairs program for several years; and when Marion-Merrell  
15 Dow merged with Roussel, he chose Hoeschst to remain in his adopted Georgia where he  
16 contributed greatly during the 1999 merger with Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, now Aventis  
17 Pharmaceuticals; and

18 WHEREAS, his knowledge, experience, managerial talent, and considerable diplomacy have  
19 made him a most valuable asset to the corporations he has so diligently served throughout  
20 his long career, and his contributions and commitment merit recognition and honor.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize and commend George Ross on his superb professional

1 career in the pharmaceutical industry as a governmental affairs specialist and convey to him  
2 their best wishes for health and happiness in his retirement.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to George Ross.