

Senate Resolution 23EX2

By: Senator Blich of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Mark S. Ritz; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mark S. Ritz, DDS, MAGD, was honored with the Distinguished Service
3 Award of the Academy of General Dentistry at the Academy's annual meeting on August 2,
4 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, this prestigious award honors a council or committee member who has served
6 in an outstanding manner by dedicating extensive time to ensure continuity and integrity in
7 the Academy's operations and by developing new programs and services to meet the
8 membership's changing needs; and

9 WHEREAS, as chair of the Dental Care Council, Dr. Ritz has been a tireless crusader for
10 dentists and their patients, and his innovative style has kept the council focused on answering
11 challenges to the profession; and

12 WHEREAS, he has represented the Academy at conferences sponsored by the National
13 Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institute of Health, Department of
14 Health and Human Services, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

15 WHEREAS, his vision has been vital to developing Academy initiatives dedicated to
16 improving access to dental care and promoting the importance of oral health to general
17 health; and

18 WHEREAS, he has provided valuable leadership to the Academy as member of the Strategic
19 Advancement Committee and consultant to the Council on Legislative and Governmental
20 Affairs; and to the Georgia Academy of General Dentistry as president, secretary-treasurer,
21 editor, and chair of Continuing Education; and

1 WHEREAS, he was inducted in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an international honor dental
2 organization, in 1999.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 congratulate Dr. Mark S. Ritz on the honor of the Distinguished Service Award and
5 commend him for his tireless efforts on behalf of patients and their dentists.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Mark S. Ritz.