

Senate Resolution 164

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Thompson of the 33rd, Brown of the 26th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rebecca Paul; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rebecca Paul came to the Georgia Lottery Corporation (GLC) as its first
3 President and Chief Executive Officer ten years ago on February 19, 1993; and

4 WHEREAS, in just four months after her arrival in Georgia, she built the GLC into the most
5 successful lottery start-up in the world, with first-week sales of an unprecedented \$52
6 million, and first-year sales of over \$1.1 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, lottery sales have grown at an average annual rate of 11 percent since that first
8 year, nearing \$2.5 billion in Fiscal Year 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, this incredible increase in sales has allowed the lottery funded programs of
10 HOPE, pre-K, and capital outlay to be expanded dramatically, opening educational
11 opportunities to thousands of Georgia students; and

12 WHEREAS, as a result of Ms. Paul's unparalleled marketing expertise and leadership
13 abilities, the GLC has made it possible for over 600,000 HOPE scholars to go to college and
14 for almost 500,000 four-year-olds to attend free pre-K programs; and

15 WHEREAS, her contributions to primary and secondary education through the lottery funded
16 capital outlay program have enabled the expansion of computer technology initiatives in the
17 classroom, such as satellite dishes and distance learning programs; and

18 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the GLC has contributed a total of more than \$5.6 billion
19 to education in programs that did not exist before the lottery started, truly providing an
20 enhancement to the state's existing commitment to public education; and

1 WHEREAS, after over nine and one-half years, the GLC, under Ms. Paul's expert guidance,
2 has continued to develop and implement innovative marketing strategies to ensure that lottery
3 games are fresh and exciting for players, while maintaining its commitment to responsibility
4 and integrity; and

5 WHEREAS, Rebecca Paul has consistently proven herself to be not only an astute
6 businesswoman, but more importantly an exceptional steward of the public trust who
7 operates the GLC in an efficient manner that is above reproach.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes
9 Rebecca Paul for her ten years of dedicated service to the Georgia Lottery Corporation and
10 wishes her continued success.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Rebecca Paul.