

House Resolution 597

By: Representatives Smith of the 76th, McBee of the 74th, Heard of the 75th, and Douglas of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Joseph J. Gaines; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Joseph J. Gaines has served with the utmost ability and dedication
3 as a member of the Western Judicial Circuit of the Georgia Superior Court since his
4 appointment on November 1, 1976, by Governor George D. Busbee and he has earned the
5 respect of his peers and his mentors throughout the state's judicial branch; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born in Elbert County in 1927, served in the United States Army in
7 Europe from 1946 to 1948, attended Tufts University and the University of Georgia where
8 he received his L.L.B. in 1952 and his B.S. in 1953, and he practiced law in Athens until he
9 was named City Attorney in 1963, a position he held until his appointment to the Superior
10 Court bench; and

11 WHEREAS, he was president of the Athens Bar Association, an alternate member of the
12 Board of Governors of the Georgia Bar Association, and president of the Western Circuit Bar
13 Association during his career as an attorney; and he has been a member of the Judicial
14 Council of Georgia, serving as its chairman and vice chairman, a member of the Uniform
15 Rules Committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges, and chairman of the Board of
16 Alternative Dispute Resolution for the Western Circuit, and attained the status of Chief
17 Judge; and

18 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2003, this most capable jurist became a Senior Judge for the
19 Superior Courts of the State of Georgia and the superb knowledge and judgement of this very
20 distinguished judge will continue to be applied in this highly esteemed role.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Honorable Joseph J. Gaines for his
23 distinguished and dedicated career as a Superior Court Judge and express to him their deepest
24 respect and admiration and their appreciation of his continued service as a Senior Judge.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Joseph J. Gaines.