

House Resolution 708

By: Representatives Orrock of the 51st, Smyre of the 111th, Coleman of the 118th, Skipper of the 116th, Porter of the 119th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Dr. Terry Maple and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Terry Maple served as president and chief executive officer of Zoo Atlanta
4 from 1984 – 2002 and now serves as director emeritus; and

5 WHEREAS, before Dr. Terry Maple's appointment, the Atlanta Zoo had been named by
6 Parade Magazine as one of the top ten worst zoos in the nation, and during his tenure, Dr.
7 Terry Maple transformed Zoo Atlanta into one of the most outstanding zoos in the nation;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, under Dr. Terry Maple's direction, new exhibits opened at Zoo Atlanta
10 including the Ford African Rain Forest, home to Willie B., the Masai Mara exhibit, and the
11 Monkeys of Makokou exhibit, 13 gorillas were born at Zoo Atlanta, and the zoo became one
12 of only three zoos in the nation to exhibit giant pandas; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Terry Maple and Zoo Atlanta focus on species conservation, and Zoo
14 Atlanta has 18 different animal species in the species survival plan; and

15 WHEREAS, Zoo Atlanta was named "Atlanta's Best Managed Nonprofit Corporation" by
16 the Metropolitan Community Foundation in 1987 and 2000, and was named "Conservation
17 Organization of the Year" by Georgia Wildlife Foundation in 1991, and Dr. Terry Maple was
18 named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Atlanta Chapter of Stanford Business School
19 Alumni and was elected president of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association in 1998,
20 and received the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau President's Award in 1999; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the innumerable accomplishments of Dr. Terry
22 Maple and to congratulate him on his retirement as president and chief executive officer of
23 Zoo Atlanta.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and thank Dr. Terry Maple for his leadership and
3 dedication to making Zoo Atlanta a wonderful home to a wide variety of animals and an
4 educational, interesting, and fun zoo of which Atlanta residents can be proud, congratulate
5 him on the occasion of his retirement as president and chief executive officer of Zoo Atlanta,
6 and convey their most sincere best wishes for a bright and happy future.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Terry Maple.