

House Resolution 713

By: Representatives Teper of the 42nd, Post 1, Coleman of the 118th, Porter of the 119th, Westmoreland of the 86th, Richardson of the 26th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Professor Bill Thomas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Professor Bill Thomas has served since 1986 as the director of the Georgia
3 Legislative Intern program that has provided college students from the participating colleges
4 and universities a valuable experience in the legislative process; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he has been a member of the political science faculty at Georgia State
6 University since 1971, where he has advised countless students and taught courses in
7 American politics, the judicial process, civil liberties, and political leadership; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he became associated with the Georgia Legislative Intern program in 1982 as
9 the coordinator for Georgia State University students seeking this special experience and has
10 recognized the rich learning opportunity these internships provide college students; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as an adviser to pre-law students he has helped many students apply
12 successfully to law schools in Georgia and throughout the country and seen many of them
13 fulfill their public service dreams as lawyers, judges, and legislators; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is married to Jeanie Thomas, the mother of two daughters, Katrina and Emily
15 Mather; and he is the father of Eric Thomas a junior high school teacher and coach with one
16 fine grandson, Ethan Alexander Thomas; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has rigorously run the streets of Atlanta for decades and completed numerous
18 marathons and his retirement years will permit him to pursue his various personal interests.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body commend Professor Bill Thomas for his outstanding service as
21 director of the Georgia Legislative Intern program and convey to him their respect,
22 appreciation, and best wishes for health and happiness in his retirement.

- 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 Professor Bill Thomas.