

Senate Resolution 785

By: Senator Levetan of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. R. Derril Gay and congratulating him on his retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. R. Derril Gay has selflessly devoted over three decades of service to the
4 citizens of DeKalb County and the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he received a bachelor of arts degree from Oglethorpe University and holds a
6 masters degree and Ph.D. in sociology from Emory University; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Gay is the executive director of the DeKalb Community Service Board, the
8 agency designated as the public provider of mental health, developmental disabilities, and
9 addictive diseases services in DeKalb County and the largest service board out of the 27 such
10 agencies operating in the state; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Gay has faithfully served as the DeKalb Community Service Board's,
12 executive director since the agency was first established by state law in 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to 1994, Dr. Gay was deputy director of the DeKalb County Board of
14 Health, a former director of the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and
15 Substance Abuse in the Georgia Department of Human Resources, and a sociology professor
16 at Oglethorpe University; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a member of the DeKalb County Mental Health-Criminal Justice
18 Taskforce; and

19 WHEREAS, he has provided the citizens of his community and the State of Georgia an
20 invaluable service and has garnered the respect and admiration of his agency, his peers, and
21 the public; and

1 WHEREAS, it is therefore both fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized and
2 honored for his outstanding commitment to public health.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 wholeheartedly commend Dr. R. Derril Gay for over 40 years of service in the field of
5 sociology and public health and congratulate him on his well deserved retirement and wish
6 him happiness and all the best for the future.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. R. Derril Gay.