

House Resolution 1462

By: Representatives Royal of the 140th, Coleman of the 118th, Buck of the 112th, Parrish of the 102nd, Hanner of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Marcus E. Collins, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Marcus E. Collins, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of
3 the State of Georgia as the personification of perfection in his mastery of matters of national,
4 state, and local taxation; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
6 his endeavors and whose primary concern is the financial welfare of Georgia and its citizens;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, this beloved individual has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
9 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties
10 throughout his career of peerless public service as a member of the House of Representatives
11 from 1961 to 1983, as state revenue commissioner from 1983 to 1996, as senior executive
12 assistant for the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1996 to 1999, and as
13 executive director of the Georgia Tobacco Community Development Board from 1999 to
14 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, he is of a naturally quiet and retiring disposition and has placed himself into a
16 position demanding the most public of performances, and his mastering of the substantive
17 aspects of all taxation matters brought an unmatched expertise to this body and to the
18 operation and administration of the Department of Revenue; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of this body, and in particular those who worked closely with him
20 on so many taxing matters, will always admire his consistently thorough consideration of
21 taxation issues presented to this deliberative body, and his integrity and reliability rightfully
22 earned him our honor, respect, and trust over the years; and

1 WHEREAS, he consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of
2 sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly developed a reputation as an equitable,
3 impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and
4 whose actions were marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

5 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
6 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
7 of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
8 associates; and

9 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
10 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body commend Honorable Marcus E. Collins, Sr., for the almost four
13 and one-half decades of effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service that he has
14 rendered on behalf of Georgia; extend to him their utmost appreciation for his having so
15 purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant; congratulate him upon the
16 occasion of his retirement; and offer to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
17 health and happiness.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Marcus E.
20 Collins, Sr.