

House Resolution 1515

By: Representatives Rynders of the 137th, Dukes of the 136th, and Roberts of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending George M. Kirkland, Jr., for his outstanding career as a realtor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, George M. Kirkland, Jr., was born on June 25, 1911, in Waycross, Georgia,
4 attended the University of Georgia for one year, and then worked in the hotel business in
5 Atlanta for several years prior to World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, he joined the Junior Red Cross at the age of 17 and has continued to serve as
7 a leadership volunteer, making him the eldest in years of service with the Red Cross in
8 Albany and possibly the entire state; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkland was determined to serve his country in World War II despite his
10 ineligible status. He applied to the American National Red Cross (ANRC) for overseas duty
11 and worked with the ANRC in England, India, Burma, China, and Japan as Director of
12 Military Welfare Service, Director of Club Service in the Far East Theater, and Assistant
13 Commissioner of the Far East Theater in Tokyo; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1947 he returned to Albany where his family resided and became a partner
15 in the firm of Walden & Kirkland, Realtors, where he did much for the economic and social
16 development of Albany and Dougherty County and was directly responsible for getting
17 several industries to locate there; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkland has received many honors and been recognized by many
19 prestigious organizations for his volunteer service and is recognized as "Mr. Economic
20 Development" for his support of Albany Technical College and for the development of the
21 region; and

1 WHEREAS, Senior Week at the Capitol has been established to recognize the valuable
2 contributions older Georgians have made to our state and will be observed the week of
3 March 1-5, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Aging has chosen to honor Mr. Kirkland as the
5 Distinguished Senior Georgian of 2004 in recognition of his contributions to his community
6 and state and the positive role model he represents for young and old alike.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. George M. Kirkland, Jr., as the
9 Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2004.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. George M. Kirkland,
12 Jr.