

Senate Resolution 987

By: Senators Stephens of the 51st and Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Gerald Bryant; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Bryant is a 35 year veteran of commercial and public broadcasting
3 and began his career in radio and television while attending the University of Louisville; and

4 WHEREAS, after graduating in 1969, Mr. Bryant served as a photographer, reporter,
5 producer, assistant news director, and eventually promotion director for an NBC network
6 affiliate and was also a movie critic, promotion director, and executive news producer for the
7 CBS and ABC affiliates in Louisville; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Bryant and his family moved to Atlanta where he worked at
9 Turner Broadcasting, serving as a senior producer and in 1984 began working at Georgia
10 Public Television (GPTV) where he has remained ever since; and

11 WHEREAS, he is currently the managing editor for GPTV productions and anchor of
12 GPTV's nightly program "Lawmakers" that runs during the 40 day legislative session of the
13 Georgia General Assembly; and

14 WHEREAS, among his many accolades are 13 regional Emmys, a New York film festival
15 silver medal, a national Headliner award, two Gabby awards from the Georgia Association
16 of Broadcasters, and two international awards from the Broadcast Promotion Association;
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18 WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of an Iris award, an Owl award, and the Georgia
19 Association of Educator's "School Bell" award and has been recognized by the Associated
20 Press; and

21 WHEREAS, while in Louisville, he produced television coverage of court-ordered busing
22 that won the Edward R. Murrow Award; and

1 WHEREAS, the Society of Professional Journalists has acknowledged Mr. Bryant's work
2 at the Green Eyeshade awards in 2001 and 2002 and most recently, was honored the 2003
3 History in the Media Award presented by the Georgia Historical Society for his work on the
4 documentary, "Georgia's Civil War"; and

5 WHEREAS, for all his accolades, nothing gives him greater satisfaction than his work with
6 young journalists and aspiring television professionals and each year he has taught and
7 mentored numerous interns on the set of "Lawmakers" helping them to improve writing
8 skills, hone journalistic instincts, and present news in a balanced and unbiased manner.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 wholeheartedly commend Mr. Gerald Bryant for his many years of service to journalism, the
11 public, and the democratic process and its institutions.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gerald Bryant.