

House Resolution 1861

By: Representatives Coleman of the 118th, Buck of the 112th, Skipper of the 116th, Royal of the 140th, Powell of the 23rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Don Cox; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Don Cox has long been recognized by the citizens of the State of Georgia as the
3 personification of perfection in his mastery of matters of state budget analysis; and

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

7 WHEREAS, this patriot served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the
8 United States Navy during the Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, this beloved individual has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
10 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties
11 throughout his career of peerless public service as a budget analyst in the Legislative Budget
12 Office since August 1, 1975; and

13 WHEREAS, he is of a naturally quiet and retiring disposition and has placed himself into a
14 position demanding the most public of performances, and his mastering of the substantive
15 aspects of state budgeting has brought an unmatched expertise to the operation and
16 administration of the Legislative Budget Office; and

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

1 WHEREAS, he has consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of
2 state finance and, through his superior budget analysis, lengthy spreadsheets, and
3 neverending quest for data, has maintained a reputation as an equitable, impartial financial
4 analyst whose decisions are governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and whose actions
5 are marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

6 WHEREAS, his assignments have included virtually every department, commission,
7 authority, and council in state government and his willingness to roll up his sleeves and work
8 around the clock to provide accurate financial information has become the stuff of legend;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
11 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
12 of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
13 associates; and

14 WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement in 2004 to his beloved farm in West Virginia,
15 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
16 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend Don Cox for the almost three decades of effective,
19 efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service that he has rendered on behalf of Georgia;
20 congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their utmost
21 appreciation for his having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public
22 servant.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Don Cox.