

Senate Resolution 1104

By: Senator Stephens of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Charles B. "Charlie" Tanksley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Charles B. "Charlie" Tanksley has served with unparalleled ability
3 as a member of the Senate since 1995; and

4 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant has faithfully represented the citizens
5 of Cobb and Fulton counties with great distinction, dedication, and ability; and

6 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this
7 deliberative body and his integrity and reliability have rightfully earned him the honor,
8 respect, and trust of his colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of
9 this body and properly reflected in his committee responsibilities which included serving as
10 secretary of the Senate Finance Committee, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and
11 vice chair of the Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee, as a member of the
12 Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee, and the Senate Transportation
13 Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, in his legislative committee assignments, he consistently demonstrated a solid
15 commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly
16 developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by
17 the rules of honesty and fair play; and

18 WHEREAS, he exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally
19 expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and his stewardship in
20 the Senate has been marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

21 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex
22 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build

1 coalitions and consensus, have received the approval and applause of his peers who hold him
2 in such high regard; and

3 WHEREAS, his foresight and forthright determination have brought unparalleled progress
4 and a sense of destiny to the citizens of his district and the State of Georgia and it is
5 abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body, most especially those to whom
6 he so freely imparted advice, encouragement, and friendship and who regard him with much
7 admiration and respect, pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest, most distinguished, and
8 most colorful colleagues for the many years of impartial, well-reasoned, and enlightened
9 service he has rendered on behalf of this state and its citizens.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 unanimously honor and commend their most outstanding colleague, Honorable Charles B.
12 "Charlie" Tanksley, for his personal and political influence in supporting legislation which
13 has substantially improved the quality of life for our citizens and contributed to Georgia's
14 leadership role in the South, commend him for serving as an unmatched example of
15 enlightened government and statesmanship, and wish him every success in all his future
16 endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Charles B. "Charlie"
19 Tanksley.