

Senate Resolution 1107

By: Senator Stephens of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Chuck Clay; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Chuck Clay served with unparalleled ability as a member of the  
3 Senate from 1988 to 1998 and 2002 to the present; and

4 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant has faithfully represented the citizens  
5 of Bartow, Cobb, and Paulding 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 chair of the Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee and vice chair of the Senate Education  
11 Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Judiciary  
12 Committee, and the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex  
21 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build  
22 coalitions and consensus, have received the approval and applause of his peers who hold him  
23 in such high regard; and

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

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

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Chuck Clay.