

## House Resolution 3EX

By: Representatives Royal of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Parrish of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Skipper of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Honorable Thomas B. Buck III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Honorable Thomas B. Buck III served with unparalleled ability as a member  
3 of the House of Representatives for 19 consecutive terms of office; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant has faithfully represented the citizens  
5 of Muscogee County 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 House Committee on Appropriations and as a member of the House Committee  
11 on Higher Education, the House Committee on Rules, and the House Committee on Ways  
12 and Means; 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 House of Representatives has been marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom;  
20 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body unanimously honor and commend their most outstanding  
12 colleague, Honorable Thomas B. Buck III, for his personal and political influence in  
13 supporting legislation which has substantially improved the quality of life for our citizens  
14 and contributed to Georgia's leadership role in the South, commend him for serving as an  
15 unmatched example of enlightened government and statesmanship for almost four decades,  
16 and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Thomas B. Buck  
19 III.