

House Resolution 16EX

By: Representatives Royal of the 140th, Coleman of the 118th, Hanner of the 133rd, Buck of the 112th, Smyre of the 111th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Jimmy Skipper; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Jimmy Skipper served with unparalleled ability as a member of the
3 House of Representatives since 1990; and

4 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant has faithfully represented the citizens
5 of Marion, Schley, and Sumter 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 a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ethics, the
11 House Committee on Rules, the House Committee on Special Rules (Policy), and the House
12 Committee on Public Utilities and Telecommunications; 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, during his tenure in office, the gentleman from the 116th District, especially
18 during his service as majority leader, exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish
19 leadership ideally expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and
20 his stewardship in the House of Representatives has been marked by unmatched dignity,
21 grace, and wisdom; and

22 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex
23 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 Jimmy Skipper, for his personal and political influence in supporting
13 legislation which has substantially improved the quality of life for our citizens and
14 contributed to Georgia's leadership role in the South, commend him for serving as an
15 unmatched example of enlightened government and statesmanship for the past 14 years, and
16 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 Jimmy Skipper.