## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Larry Sanders; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, as a business leader and as chairman of the Greater Columbus Chamber of

3 Commerce, Mr. Larry Sanders serves his community with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders, the CEO of Columbus Regional Healthcare System, is widely
respected for his business acumen, vision, and integrity; and

6 WHEREAS, 2005 was a most successful year for the chamber, as in November Aflac

7 announced a \$100 million expansion that will result in 2,000 new jobs in Columbus; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders's leadership has been an integral component of such victories for
9 the Columbus economy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders's invaluable service is even more remarkable considering that
while serving as chairman last year, he was also fighting his second battle with colon cancer;
and

WHEREAS, he shared his struggle with cancer in a six-part series of articles published by
the *Ledger-Inquirer* newspaper, giving insight and inspiration to the reading public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders has tirelessly strived to make his community a better and more prosperous place, even in the midst of his own personal struggles, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to appropriately recognize the important contributions of this extraordinary gentleman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
join to commend Mr. Larry Sanders for his outstanding service to his community and to
thank him for his many contributions to Georgia.

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- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Larry Sanders.