

## House Resolution 1984

By: Representatives Tumlin of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Johnson of the 37<sup>th</sup>, Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Parsons of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, and Teilhet of the 40<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Ronald H. Francis on the occasion of his retirement; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Ronald H. Francis of Marietta, Georgia, has been one of  
4 the Georgia banking industry's most respected and admired leaders and one of the state's  
5 most distinguished citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis is a graduate of Eckerd College and received his Masters of  
7 Business Administration from Georgia State University; and

8 WHEREAS, he served his country honorably as a lieutenant in the United States Army in  
9 Vietnam; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis began his career in banking in 1969 with the Trust Company Bank  
11 of Atlanta (SunTrust), and since that time he has served in a number of prestigious executive  
12 positions with First Bank and Trust Co. and the Chattahoochee Bank; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis joined Charter Bank and Trust Co. in its inaugural year, serving as  
14 CEO and president for 15 years; in 2004, Charter Bank, along with Mountain National Bank,  
15 joined Bank of North Georgia, where he has served as vice chairman since July, 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, greatly respected by his colleagues in the banking industry, he is a former  
17 chairman of the Georgia Bankers' Association; and

18 WHEREAS, outside of his demanding career, Mr. Francis is a highly involved member of  
19 his community, and among his notable activities, he is past president of the Marietta Kiwanis  
20 Club and the Marietta Country Club, a trustee of Kennesaw State University, and a graduate  
21 of Leadership Cobb and Leadership Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis is also a faithful and very active member of First Presbyterian  
2 Church in Marietta and is an avid golfer and tennis player; and

3 WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary service to his community, Mr. Francis was  
4 named the 2004 Marietta Citizen of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis has been married to the former Claire Franklin for 40 years and is  
6 the proud father of one daughter, Shana F. Rutherford; and

7 WHEREAS, after over three and a half decades of exceptional service to the banking  
8 industry, Mr. Francis will be retiring from the Bank of North Georgia.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body join to commend Mr. Ronald H. Francis on his many years of  
11 outstanding service to the banking industry and to Georgia and to extend their best wishes  
12 on a happy and fulfilling retirement.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ronald H. Francis.