

Senate Resolution 1416

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Hooks of the 14th, Starr of the 44th, Brown of the 26th, Adelman of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Honorable Mark Taylor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mark Taylor was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 7, 1957, but soon moved
3 to Albany, Georgia, where he spent his entire youth and still lives today; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mark Taylor is the son of very proud parents Fred and Tommie Taylor; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Emory University and the University of Georgia Law
6 School; and
- 7 WHEREAS, at just 29 years of age, Mark Taylor was elected in a special election to the
8 Georgia State Senate representing Dougherty County; he would eventually serve 12 years
9 in this hallowed body; and
- 10 WHEREAS, as a Senator and floor leader for then-Governor Zell Miller, Taylor advocated
11 for the creation of the HOPE scholarship and pre-K program, the nation's toughest law on
12 violent crime, the Victim's Bill of Rights, the largest tax cut in state history, and the creation
13 of PeachCare for Kids; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mark Taylor declared himself a candidate for the office of Lieutenant
15 Governor, and after winning three elections in 5 months, he took office as Georgia's 10th
16 Lieutenant Governor; and
- 17 WHEREAS, after two four-year terms as Lieutenant Governor, Mark Taylor has made an
18 undeniable and unmistakable impact on the lives of every Georgia family through his public
19 service; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Taylor's initiatives include the creation of the DNA database, the
21 Crimes Against Family Members Act, a felony child endangerment law, protecting teachers

1 in the classroom, one of the nation's toughest teen driving laws, eliminating the statute of
2 limitations on violent crimes, a special drug prosecutor in each judicial circuit, cracking
3 down on domestic violence, tougher DUI and ethics laws, and supporting our troops through
4 the HEROES Acts of 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Taylor's desire to serve his neighbors led him from a small town in southwest
6 Georgia to our state Senate, but those values never left Mark Taylor; and

7 WHEREAS, he has been a strong advocate for rural Georgia, economic development for all
8 of Georgia, and a state-wide trauma network, helped to create the OneGeorgia Authority, and
9 served as chairman of the Rural Development Council; and

10 WHEREAS, over the past few years, Mark Taylor became affectionately known as "The Big
11 Guy" not only for his physical size, but also for the size of his smile, his laugh, and his heart,
12 and because he has always put the people of Georgia first; and

13 WHEREAS, Taylor's service to Georgia would not be possible without the loving support
14 of his wife, Sacha, and his wonderful family, including his son, Fletcher, and his two sisters
15 Linda and Marsha.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends
17 Mark Taylor for nearly two decades of service to all the people of Georgia and his dedication
18 to making this state better.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor.