

## Senate Resolution 82

By: Senators Carter of the 13th, Chance of the 16th, Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Brown of the 26th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. Gerald Bryant on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Bryant has been an indispensable asset to the State of Georgia as  
3 managing editor of *Lawmakers*, GPTV's coverage of the Georgia legislature, which  
4 Georgians throughout the state depend upon to keep them informed on the latest issues being  
5 addressed under the Gold Dome; and
- 6 WHEREAS, with over 37 years of experience, his many accolades include 13 regional  
7 Emmys, a New York film festival silver medal, a national Headliner award, two Gabby  
8 awards from the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and two international awards from the  
9 Broadcast Promotion Association; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Louisville in 1969, Mr. Bryant served  
11 as a photographer, reporter, producer, assistant news director, and eventually promotion  
12 director for an NBC network affiliate and was also a movie critic, promotion director, and  
13 executive news producer for the CBS and ABC affiliates in Louisville; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Bryant and his family moved to Atlanta where he worked at  
15 Turner Broadcasting, serving as a senior producer, and in 1984 began working at Georgia  
16 Public Television (GPTV); and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of an Iris award, an Owl award, and the Georgia  
18 Association of Educators' "School Bell" award and has been recognized by the Associated  
19 Press; and
- 20 WHEREAS, while in Louisville, he produced television coverage of court-ordered busing  
21 that won the Edward R. Murrow Award; and

1 WHEREAS, the Society of Professional Journalists has acknowledged Mr. Bryant's work  
2 at the Green Eyeshade awards in 2001 and 2002 and was honored with the 2003 History in  
3 the Media Award presented by the Georgia Historical Society for his work on the  
4 documentary "Georgia's Civil War"; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an especially talented mentor for young journalists and aspiring television  
6 professionals and has trained numerous interns on the set of *Lawmakers*, helping them to  
7 improve writing skills, hone journalistic instincts, and present news in a balanced and  
8 unbiased manner; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant has provided an exceptional service to the State of Georgia and has  
10 shown an inspirational dedication to the mission of the fourth estate and to the spirit of  
11 democracy; and his magnanimous presence will be sorely missed.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
13 join together to recognize Mr. Gerald Bryant for his brilliant career in the media, commend  
14 him for his outstanding work on *Lawmakers* at the Capitol, and extend him the best of wishes  
15 for his near and distant future.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
17 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gerald Bryant.