

Senate Resolution 654

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Larry Hanson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, since July of 1995, Larry Hanson has served with admirable precision and  
3 dedication as the city manager for the City of Valdosta, overseeing the operation of 11  
4 departments, 715 employees, and an \$85 million annual budget; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Hanson began his remarkable career of public service to the citizens of  
6 Valdosta in 1975 and during his tenure with the city, he has been instrumental in facilitating  
7 the community's growth into one of Georgia's most promising of metropolitan areas; and

8 WHEREAS, Larry Hanson has developed and implemented numerous public policy  
9 initiatives, including policies that have allowed the city to lower its millage rate in seven of  
10 the 12 years he has served as city manager; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry Hanson was a member of the charter class of the Leadership Lowndes  
12 program, serving as its president twice, and was a member of the Leadership Georgia Class  
13 of 1994; and

14 WHEREAS, he was the 2003 recipient of Valdosta State University's Loyce Turner Award  
15 for Distinguished Public Service, the 2004 recipient of the Excellence in Public Service  
16 Award presented by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and *Georgia Trend* magazine,  
17 and the 2004 recipient of the 25 Most Influential South Georgians by the *Valdosta Daily*  
18 *Times*; and

19 WHEREAS, he has served as a member of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)  
20 Legislative Policy Council since its inception in 2003 and has chaired the Revenue and  
21 Finance Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, Larry Hanson was one of the lead negotiators for GMA in 2003 and 2004 when  
2 the Georgia General Assembly passed the landmark legislation providing cities more  
3 meaningful access to the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, and during the 2007  
4 session, he has been significantly involved in legislation regarding point of sale sales tax data  
5 and is one of the co-authors of the amended annexation legislation; and

6 WHEREAS, in honor of his magnificent qualifications, Larry Hanson was selected by his  
7 peers to serve as the current president of the Georgia City-County Managers Association.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 recognize this extraordinary servant of the State of Georgia, Larry Hanson; express gratitude  
10 for his indispensable knowledge and expertise in governmental matters; and extend to him  
11 their sincerest best wishes for the future.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Larry Hanson.