

## Senate Resolution 707

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st and Schaefer of the 50th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Thomas C. Gilliland on the occasion of his retirement from  
2 United Community Banks, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas C. Gilliland was born in Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended the  
4 Westminster Schools, then went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts from the University of  
5 Georgia and a Juris Doctor from Emory University; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliland resides in Blairsville, Georgia, with his wife Candace and their  
7 two sons, Tom, Jr., and Jason; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliland joined United Community Banks, Inc. in 1992, and he is also  
9 director of several banks in Ellijay, McCaysville, Blue Ridge, and Carrollton, Georgia, and  
10 serves as chairman of the board of United Community Bank, North Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career he has served in many capacities, including  
12 former Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Pierre Howard; member of the Y2K task force  
13 under Governor Roy E. Barnes; former partner with the law firm of Hurt, Richardson,  
14 Garner, Todd and Cadenhead in Atlanta, Georgia; former chairman of the Stone Mountain  
15 Authority; and chairman of Lt. Governor Casey Cagle's transition committee; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served on many boards and committees, including the Fannin County  
17 Chamber of Commerce; Fannin Regional Hospital; Fannin County Arts Association;  
18 Regional Industrial Authority of Union, Towns, and Fannin Counties; Young Harris College;  
19 Fannin County Joint Comprehensive Planning Committee; Fannin County Industrial  
20 Authority; Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and Georgia Affordable Housing Corporation;  
21 and

1 WHEREAS, in 2007, he was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve a four-year  
2 term on the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors and would become Georgia's first  
3 representative on this prestigious board; and

4 WHEREAS, he is the co-author of *Truth in Lending Disclosure Act, Loans Secured by Real*  
5 *Property*, published by Harrison Publishing Company; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been a member of numerous civic and professional organizations, such  
7 as the Atlanta Hospital, Hospitality House; the Callanwolde Foundation; the Decatur-DeKalb  
8 Y.M.C.A.; the Gridiron Society; Truett-McConnell College; and he is an active member of  
9 First United Methodist Church in Blairsville, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, his remarkable diplomacy, integrity, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens  
11 of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his family, friends,  
12 and business associates.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends  
14 Thomas C. Gilliland on an outstanding career and for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
15 public service to the citizens of his community and this state.

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 Thomas C. Gilliland.