

Senate Resolution 1054

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd, Thompson of the 33rd, Wiles of the 37th and Rogers of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending William Travis Duke; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, William Travis Duke has enjoyed a successful business career; and
- 3 WHEREAS, William and Betty, his wife of 52 years, have been blessed with two children,  
4 Jennifer and Derek, and three wonderful grandchildren; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by his many years of outstanding community and political service; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has received many awards over the years including the Chamber Outstanding  
9 Leader on three occasions; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he has served with numerous community service providers and boards including  
11 the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, being the Task Force Chairman on Transportation  
12 which implemented a new transit system for Cobb County and was responsible for  
13 establishing a successful sales tax, as well as assisting in the establishment of the State of  
14 Georgia's \$400 million new road program; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has also served as Vice Chairman and Chairperson of Personnel and Finance  
16 Committee of the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, founder and current  
17 board member of Open Gate Children's Shelter, chairperson of the Department of Family  
18 and Children Services, trustee of Kennesaw State University, and founder and board member  
19 of the Georgian Club; and
- 20 WHEREAS, William Travis Duke has served on the business boards of Ridgeview Institute,  
21 Cobb Hospital, and Barnett Banks of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, having been active in local and state politics for over 30 years, he served as  
2 State Representative from 1971 to 1975, on the executive committee for the Republican  
3 party, and on the local congressman's advisory board; and

4 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
5 remarkable public servant be appropriately recognized.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
7 commend William Travis Duke for his many decades of efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
8 dedicated public service and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued  
9 health and happiness.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William Travis Duke.