

House Resolution 1661

By: Representatives Floyd of the 147th, Royal of the 171st, Smith of the 129th, Hanner of the 148th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jimmy Warren Benefield; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jimmy Warren Benefield has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal
4 commitment to public service and the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the second son of four boys, to Guy and Melba
6 Benefield and received his early education in Forest Park, Georgia, and a law degree from
7 Atlanta Law School in 1994, after which he went to work for Amoco Oil Company as a
8 property tax manager for the southeastern United States from 1968 until 1994; and

9 WHEREAS, he met his wife of 45 years, Judy, at LaGrange College and they have two
10 children, Jason and Molly, and he and his wife moved to Cartersville, Georgia, in 2001 to be
11 near his six grandchildren, the love of his life.

12 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
13 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his 24
14 years of exemplary service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly and more recently
15 his eight years of service as the public relations and legislative liaison for the Georgia
16 Department of Transportation; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a Representative for the Georgia House, he was Chairman
18 of the Interstate Cooperation Committee, Assistant Administration Floor Leader for
19 Governor Joe Frank Harris, and Transportation Chairman and served on the Rules and
20 Appropriations Committees; and

21 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
22 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the members of
23 the General Assembly, the Department of Transportation, and the many public officials he

1 has served have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates and
2 the members of this body in particular; and

3 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
4 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
5 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state; and his ready wit and his
6 friendship are counted by everyone as a special experience they will always treasure; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
8 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body commend Jimmy Warren Benefield for his many decades of
11 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and
12 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jimmy Warren Benefield.