

Senate Resolution 1316

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Charles Ferguson on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Charles Ferguson is the Pataula Judicial Circuit District Attorney and is a
4 life-long resident of Randolph County, graduating from Randolph County High School in
5 1966; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree
7 in English in 1970, and during his collegiate career, he played football for the Crimson Tide
8 under Head Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and was a starting offensive guard both his junior and
9 senior years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama
11 School of Law in 1974, then returning to his home state and starting a law practice in Edison,
12 and a year later he moved to Cuthbert and established the firm of Bowen and Ferguson with
13 Dell Bowen; and

14 WHEREAS, on February 24, 1978, Mr. Ferguson was appointed as District Attorney for the
15 Pataula Circuit by Governor Busbee, after the death of then District Attorney John Irwin of
16 Dawson and was elected later that year to fill the remainder of Mr. Irwin's unexpired term,
17 an office he has held ever since; and

18 WHEREAS, during his years of service, seven Superior Court judges have sat on the bench
19 during his time as District Attorney, including former Judges Walter I. Geer, Dell Bowen,
20 Phillip Sheffield, Lowrey Stone, Tracy Moulton, and current Judges Joe Bishop and Ronnie
21 Joe Lane; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Cuthbert Rotary and Lions clubs, having served as
23 president of both of these civic organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Southwest Quarter Habitat for Humanity; and

2 WHEREAS, he is a member of the National District Attorneys Association and the District
3 Attorneys Association of Georgia and he has served on the Prosecuting Attorneys Council
4 of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Ferguson was named as Georgia District Attorney of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, upon retirement, he plans to spend time with his family and continue to support
7 his church and community; and

8 WHEREAS, he has always been a defender of justice, full of pride for the law, proud of his
9 American heritage, and faithful to the service of government and our constitution; it is
10 abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be recognized
11 appropriately.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 heartily commend Charles Ferguson for his sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and
14 contributions on behalf of justice in Georgia and for the positive influence he has had upon
15 the lives and futures of countless people in this state; congratulate him upon the occasion of
16 his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for health and happiness in
17 the future.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Charles Ferguson.