

House Resolution 2135

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Richardson of the 19th, Golick of the 34th, Crawford of the 16th, and Tumlin of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Professor E. R. Lanier on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Professor E. R. Lanier currently teaches a variety of procedural and
4 international courses at Georgia State University College of Law, including civil procedure,
5 remedies, Georgia practice and procedure, international moot court, and the seminar on
6 Georgia legal history; and

7 WHEREAS, he hails from North Carolina, but moved to Georgia when he was a child; and

8 WHEREAS, this extraordinary educator completed his preparatory education with the
9 Franciscan Friars at St. John's Seminary in Montour Falls, New York in 1962, received his
10 Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in
11 1965, and earned his Juris Doctor degree at Emory University and a Certificate in
12 International Law from City of London College, England in 1968, then attended the Naval
13 Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island; and

14 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1968; received his Master of
15 Science from Georgia State University in 1984; was awarded his Master of Law degree at
16 the University of Georgia in 2004, where his thesis addressed the history of arbitration law
17 in Georgia from colonial time to the present; and was awarded his Master of Arts in history
18 from Georgia College and State University for his thesis addressing the evolution in Georgia
19 of the constitutional principles limiting secular court intervention in church property
20 disputes; and

21 WHEREAS, this courageous and brave American is a colonel in the United States Marine
22 Corps Reserve and saw active duty in the late 1960's and early 1970's in Europe, the United
23 States, and Asia where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat for service in
24 the Republic of Vietnam; and

1 WHEREAS, upon returning to Georgia, he practiced law with Gambrell, Russell, Killorin,
2 Wade & Forbes until he established his own firm in Buckhead in the early 1970's; and

3 WHEREAS, his affiliation with Georgia State University began in the mid-1970's when he
4 taught as an adjunct instructor in the College of Business Administration, joining that school
5 as a full-time faculty member in 1977; and

6 WHEREAS, when the College of Law was established in 1981, he assisted Dean Ben
7 Johnson in organizing the new school, joining its faculty as an associate professor of law in
8 1982 and serving as Interim Dean from 1985 to 1986 and as Associate Dean for
9 Development from 1986 to 1987; and

10 WHEREAS, a recognized expert and scholar in the fields of procedural, international, and
11 comparative law, Professor Lanier has served as visiting professor of a number of schools
12 abroad, including the University of Bielefeld in Germany, Westminster College in Oxford,
13 England, the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris in Paris, France, the University of
14 Warsaw in Poland, and the University of Linz in Austria; and

15 WHEREAS, he is the Director of the Summer Academy in International Commercial
16 Arbitration, a cooperative educational venture emphasizing international commercial
17 arbitration cosponsored by the Georgia State University College of Law and the law faculty
18 of the University of Warsaw; and

19 WHEREAS, he has received considerable recognition for his extensive background and
20 activity in international law and has been recognized internationally and has the distinction
21 of having taught the Honorable Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the Georgia House of
22 Representatives; and

23 WHEREAS, as an esteemed scholar and a decorated serviceman, he brings honor to the City
24 of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and our country.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Professor E. R. Lanier for his outstanding
27 and brilliant teaching career at Georgia State University and his many accomplishments and
28 contributions to legal education and international law and extend to him the best of wishes
29 for a beautiful and fulfilling retirement.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Professor E. R. Lanier.