

Senate Resolution 1121

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Rita A. Sheffey; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Rita A. Sheffey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that she has played in the legal community and her deep personal commitment
4 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a partner at Hunton & Williams, LLP, Ms. Sheffey was honored by Emory
6 University School of Law with an Unsung Devotion to Those Most in Need Award from the
7 Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC) at the 2010 Inspiration Awards Ceremony and
8 Reception; and

9 WHEREAS, founded in 1988, EPIC promotes awareness and increases understanding of
10 public interest law, encourages and facilitates the employment of Emory students in public
11 interest legal positions, and raises money to provide grants to students so that they may work
12 with public interest programs during the summer; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Sheffey's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the Atlanta
14 Bar Association, an organization with which she has served as secretary, chairperson of the
15 Celebrating Service Committee, cochairperson of the Pro Bono Committee and the One
16 Child One Lawyer Pro Bono Program, and as a member of the Board of Directors and
17 Executive Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, she has diligently and selflessly devoted her time, talents, and energy to helping
19 others through her work as a member of the Supreme Court of Georgia's Equal Justice
20 Commission Committee on Civil Justice, and as past president of the Atlanta Legal Aid
21 Society, Inc., and the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Inc.; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Sheffey has dedicated over two decades to the field of law and public
23 service which has been recognized by the legal community with such awards as an
24 Outstanding Woman in the Profession Achievement Award from the Atlanta Bar Association

25 Women in the Profession Section, a 2004 H. Sol Clark Pro Bono Award from the State Bar
26 of Georgia, and an E. Randolph Williams Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service; and

27 WHEREAS, she stands as president and chairperson of Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc., and
28 serves on the Board of Trustees for Boys Speak Out, Inc.; and

29 WHEREAS, the honorable deeds and selfless actions of this distinguished Georgian serve
30 as a shining example of volunteerism, and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to
31 have Ms. Sheffey as a citizen.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Ms. Rita A. Sheffey on her volunteer efforts and contributions, extend to her their
34 most sincere gratitude for her decades of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service,
35 and congratulate her upon her most recent honor of an Unsung Devotion to Those Most in
36 Need Award from Emory University School of Law's Emory Public Interest Committee.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Rita A. Sheffey.