

Senate Resolution 1339

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Rogers of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 28th, Thompson of the 33rd, Hooks of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending W. Daniel Ebersole; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, W. Daniel Ebersole has long been recognized by the citizens of the State of
3 Georgia for his dedication to public service and his strong belief that integrity should be the
4 guiding force of every individual serving at the public trust; and

5 WHEREAS, his primary concern has been and remains the protection of the financial welfare
6 of Georgia and its citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Dan has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, and
8 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his actions throughout his career of public
9 service as Senate aide during the 1978 regular session; a policy analyst and director of the
10 Senate Research Office; deputy director of the Office of Planning and Budget; senior
11 executive assistant and executive secretary to Governor Zell Miller; commissioner of the
12 State Merit System; and director of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services, a position he
13 has held from 1997 to the present; and

14 WHEREAS, he is directly responsible for the receipt, investment, accounting, and
15 disbursement of state general trust and custodial funds as well as federal funds as well as
16 managing local government investment pools, negotiating state agency banking service
17 contracts, and administering the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; and

18 WHEREAS, he serves with distinction as a member of the Georgia State Financing and
19 Investment Commission, the State Properties Commission, and the Georgia Building
20 Authority and also serves as board member and investment committee chairman of the
21 Teachers Retirement System and the Employees Retirement System; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a naturally unassuming individual who has placed himself into a most
23 public of positions, and his mastering of the substantive aspects of state and local fiscal

24 services, investment, and financing has brought an unmatched expertise to the operation and
25 administration of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services; and

26 WHEREAS, the members of this body, and in particular those who worked closely with Dan
27 on so many fiscal matters, will always admire his consistently thorough consideration of
28 financial issues presented to this deliberative chamber, and his integrity and reliability
29 rightfully earned him our honor, respect, and trust over the years; and

30 WHEREAS, he has consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of
31 sensitive issues and proposed solutions and has developed a reputation as an equitable,
32 impartial leader whose actions are governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and whose
33 decisions are marked by consideration of what is best for the citizens of Georgia; and

34 WHEREAS, he has represented Georgia well and made Georgia's voice heard on national
35 issues related to finance and college savings through many years of service in national public
36 finance organizations including the National Association of State Treasurers, having served
37 as President; the College Savings Plans Network, having served as Executive Board Chair;
38 and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers, having served
39 as President; and

40 WHEREAS, his organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and
41 diplomacy, his sense of vision for this state, and his continuing sensitivity to the needs of the
42 citizens of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his
43 colleagues and associates; and

44 WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement effective August, 2010, and it is abundantly
45 fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished
46 Georgian be recognized appropriately.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
48 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend W. Daniel Ebersole for the almost three
49 and one-half decades of effective, efficient, unselfish, and dedicated service that he has
50 rendered on behalf of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his upcoming
51 retirement, and extend to him their utmost appreciation for his having so completely and
52 truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
54 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to W. Daniel Ebersole.