

House Resolution 1901

By: Representative Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Albert L. Thompson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Albert L. Thompson has diligently and conscientiously devoted  
3 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community  
4 and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service for over 25 years with the State  
5 Court of Fulton County; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Chief Judge Thompson graduated from Turner  
7 High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, and obtained a law degree  
8 from Boston College Law School, where he worked with the Massachusetts Defenders  
9 Committee and Cabot Corporation; and

10 WHEREAS, he returned to Atlanta in 1972 and held such legal positions as company counsel  
11 for the Herman J. Russell Company; associate counsel with Lipshutz, Macey, Zusmann, and  
12 Sikes; staff assistant for the Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign; and staff counsel for the  
13 Disaster Relief Program of the United States Small Business Administration; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Thompson was in private practice when he became the first African  
15 American to be named Approved Bond Counsel for the Fulton County Bond Authority and  
16 when he was selected to the Magistrate Court of Fulton County; and

17 WHEREAS, he was elected to the State Court of Fulton County in 1984, was elected as  
18 Chief Judge in 1998, and has implemented a mediation approach to resolving pending  
19 litigation in his court; and

20 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental on several boards, including  
21 the Andrew J. Young Center for International Affairs at Morehouse College, the Children's  
22 Defense Fund, the Organization for a New Equality, the Battered Women's Council of  
23 Atlanta, and the National Black Women Health Project; and

24 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Thomson is united in love and marriage to his wife, Dr. Maria L.  
25 Walker, and he has been blessed with five remarkable sons; and

26 WHEREAS, his colleagues know him as a clear thinker and hard worker, as a man whose  
27 strong convictions are supported by meticulous research and careful consideration, and as  
28 an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions are governed by the rules of honesty and fair  
29 play; and

30 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Thompson has been an honest and dedicated public servant who  
31 strives for excellence in all his endeavors and whose primary concern has been the fair and  
32 impartial administration of justice; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
34 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend the Honorable Albert L. Thompson for his decades of  
37 effective, efficient, and selfless leadership and service to the citizens of Fulton County and  
38 the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Albert L.  
41 Thompson.