

Senate Resolution 1442

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Chance of the 16th and Hooks of the 14th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. David J. Sjoquist; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. David J. Sjoquist has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 his dedication to public service and expertise in public finance, urban economics, and  
4 education policy; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist has exhibited extraordinary leadership throughout his 40 years as  
6 a professor of economics at Georgia State University, as the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished  
7 Chair in Educational and Community Policy, and as director of the Andrew Young School's  
8 Fiscal Research Center; and

9 WHEREAS, he has established himself as a eminent scholar, publishing in such journals as  
10 *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, and  
11 *Review of Economics and Statistics* on topics such as teenage employment, capital  
12 maintenance expenditures, local government fiscal conditions, and the urban underclass; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist's current research interests include property taxation, school  
15 financing, local sales and income taxes, and public housing; and

16 WHEREAS, he has shown a deep commitment to public service, lending his expertise and  
17 analysis to the Ford Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Economic Development  
18 Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, the Fannie Mae Foundation,  
19 and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist has provided legislative advice on tax and policy to Senator Paul  
21 Coverdell, Senator Todd Evans, numerous governors, and to the Georgia General Assembly;  
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23 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Dr. Sjoquist has served on various advisory boards  
24 and taskforce committees, including participating as a board member of the Atlanta Regional  
25 Commission, as a member of the City of Atlanta Advisory Task Force on Development of  
26 Green Space Plan, as chairperson of the MARTA Blue Ribbon Panel, as a member of the  
27 Urban Land Institute-Atlanta District Executive Committee, and as an executive member of  
28 Research Atlanta and Atlanta Urban League; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Dr. David J. Sjoquist for his four decades of dedicated service to the State of  
33 Georgia and Georgia State University, congratulate him upon his upcoming retirement from  
34 the Fiscal Research Center, and extend to him their utmost appreciation for his knowledge  
35 and public service.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. David J. Sjoquist.