

House Resolution 1960

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Thomas C. Lewis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas C. Lewis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that he has played in higher education and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 students of this nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has dedicated nearly a decade to Georgia State University, where he  
6 currently serves as senior advisor to the president, providing the university with leadership  
7 and direction in the areas of government and corporate relations and serving as university  
8 liaison to federal, state, and local governments; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure with Georgia State University, Mr. Lewis has led the school  
10 to new levels of public awareness by directing a comprehensive effort to remake the  
11 university's identity and communicate its unique urban mission; and

12 WHEREAS, before joining the Georgia State family, Mr. Lewis served as Chief of Staff for  
13 Governor Joe Frank Harris, chairman for the Jekyll Island Authority, executive vice president  
14 of the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce, and executive director of the  
15 Georgia Franchise Practices Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is active with the board of directors for the Georgia Chamber of  
17 Commerce and Century Bank of Georgia, serves as a student mentor through the Georgia  
18 Education Mentorship Program, and is a faithful member of Faith United Methodist Church  
19 in Cartersville, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
21 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
22 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is united in love and marriage to his wife, Patty, and they have been  
24 blessed with three remarkable children and one delightful grandchild; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students of Georgia, it is abundantly  
26 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments  
27 of this outstanding individual.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Mr. Thomas C. Lewis for his efficient, effective,  
30 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and recognize his exemplary  
31 leadership at Georgia State University.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Thomas C. Lewis.