

Senate Resolution 1518

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

A RESOLUTION

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

2 WHEREAS, Dr. David L. 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

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist's current research interests include property taxation, school
14 financing, local sales and income taxes, and public housing; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist has provided legislative advice on tax and policy to Senator Paul
20 Coverdell, Senator Todd Evans, numerous governors, and to the Georgia General Assembly;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Dr. Sjoquist has served on various advisory boards
23 and taskforce committees, including participating as a board member of the Atlanta Regional
24 Commission, as a member of the City of Atlanta Advisory Task Force on Development of
25 Green Space Plan, as chairperson of the MARTA Blue Ribbon Panel, as a member of the
26 Urban Land Institute-Atlanta District Executive Committee, and as an executive member of
27 Research Atlanta and Atlanta Urban League; and

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

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

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