

Senate Resolution 1508

By: Senators Hooks of the 14th, Thompson of the 33rd, Williams of the 19th, Douglas of the 17th, Seabaugh of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Pierre Howard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Pierre Howard has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
4 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard was born on February 3, 1943, in Decatur, Georgia, the beloved
6 son of Pierre and Caroline Howard; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Decatur High School, Mr. Howard earned his bachelor's and law
8 degrees from the University of Georgia and began his legal career with the firm of Howard
9 and Gilliland; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Howard was elected to the Georgia State Senate to represent the
11 residents of the 42nd district and served with honor and distinction for 18 years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a principled statesman and leader, Mr. Howard was elected Lieutenant
13 Governor of Georgia in 1990 and, during his tenure, became the first Lieutenant Governor
14 in this state's history to form an Environmental Advisory Council, pass ethics policy for the
15 Georgia Senate, and appoint African Americans, women, and Republicans to serve as
16 committee chairpersons; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard put \$15 million in the state budget for land preservation on the
18 Chattahoochee River, sponsored legislation for a permanent funding source for land
19 preservation in Georgia, and actively opposed legislation to allow water permit trading and
20 the destructive development plan for Jekyll Island; and
- 21 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous civic
22 organizations and state boards, including the Board of Natural Resources, the Board of Trust

23 for Public Land, the Board of the Nature Conservancy in Georgia, the Board of Fernbank,
24 and the Campaign for Georgia Beta; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has been united in love and marriage to Nancy Elizabeth Barns
26 since April 20, 1974, and he has been blessed with two remarkable children, Christopher and
27 Caroline; 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 the Honorable Pierre Howard on his selfless, efficient, and effective service to the
32 State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Pierre Howard.