

Senate Resolution 1522

By: Senator Carter of the 1st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Charles B. Mikell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles B. Mikell is an honest and dedicated public servant who  
3 strives for excellence in all his endeavors and whose primary concern has been the fair and  
4 impartial administration of justice; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Mikell has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and  
6 energy to the betterment of his community and the State of Georgia as a judge for 20 years,  
7 serving in state court, superior court, and in his current role with the Court of Appeals; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
9 States Army as an intelligence officer, entering the service as a second lieutenant and earning  
10 the rank of captain before his honorable discharge; and

11 WHEREAS, while in the Army, Judge Mikell valiantly and courageously protected his  
12 fellow Americans during an assignment in West Germany and as an advisor to South  
13 Vietnamese forces, and his meritorious service was recognized with a Bronze Star; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Georgia, Judge Mikell earned a bachelor's degree from  
15 Princeton University and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for  
16 graduate work, where he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to complete a year of  
17 dissertation research in Prague and London; and

18 WHEREAS, Judge Mikell taught Soviet History and Western Civilization at Armstrong State  
19 College, graduated cum laude with a law degree from the University of Georgia, and  
20 practiced law for nine years in Savannah with the firm of Brannen, Wessels and Searcy; and

21 WHEREAS, this talented barrister was appointed to the Chatham County State Court in  
22 1985, won an election for an open seat on the superior court in 1992, and in May, 2010, he  
23 will have completed ten years on the Georgia Court of Appeals; and

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

28 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental on several boards and  
29 organizations, including the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor  
30 Justice Center, the United Way, the Coastal Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America,  
31 Chatham Academy, the Savannah Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, and Christ Episcopal  
32 Church in Savannah; and

33 WHEREAS, Judge Mikell is united in love and marriage to Dr. Julia LeCraw Mikell, and  
34 they have been blessed with three remarkable sons, Chuck, John, and Sam, and it is  
35 abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished  
36 Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 commend the Honorable Charles B. Mikell for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
39 dedicated public service to Chatham County and the State of Georgia.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Charles B. Mikell.