

Senate Resolution 1603

By: Senators Tate of the 38th and Fort of the 39th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Deborah S. Greene on the occasion of her  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Deborah S. Greene is a honest and dedicated public servant who  
4 strives for excellence in all her endeavors and whose primary concern has been the fair and  
5 impartial administration of justice; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Greene graduated from Kennesaw Junior College and earned a  
7 summa cum laude bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Georgia, where  
8 she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi honors, and the Moot Court Board; and

9 WHEREAS, she served as the first female prosecutor of the State Court in Fulton County,  
10 where she handled over 300 jury trials and argued over 25 cases before the Georgia Court  
11 of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court, and the United States District Court; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Greene was appointed to the bench by the late Maynard Jackson  
13 in 1990 and was reelected in 1993, 1997, and 2001 and was elected Chief Judge of the  
14 Atlanta Municipal Court in 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, her colleagues know her as a clear thinker and hard worker, as a woman whose  
16 strong convictions are supported by meticulous research and careful consideration, and as  
17 an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions are governed by the rules of honesty and fair  
18 play; and

19 WHEREAS, an active member of the Georgia and Atlanta Bar Associations, Chief Judge  
20 Greene serves as chair of the Judicial Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and vice chair  
21 of the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants and was awarded the Honorable Romae  
22 Turner Powell Judicial Service Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Greene is a faithful member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church,  
24 where she plays bells in the choir and serves as chair of the Staff-Parrish Relations  
25 Committee; and

26 WHEREAS, a community leader, Chief Judge Greene serves on the Grant Park Housing  
27 Service Board of Trustees, is a member of the Fulton County Foster Parents' Association, has  
28 served as both a foster parent and adoptive parent, and is a past member of the advisory  
29 boards of the Council on Battered Women and the International Childkind Foundation, Inc.;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, although her daily presence on the bench will be sorely missed upon the  
32 occasion of her retirement, Chief Judge Greene's influence and example will continue on for  
33 years to come; and

34 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated and hard-working  
35 individual as one of its citizens, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary  
36 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 commend the Honorable Deborah S. Greene on her years of dedicated and selfless public  
39 service and extend to her best wishes on a happy and healthy retirement.

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 Deborah S. Greene.