

House Resolution 2229

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Tom Cochran; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Cochran has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cochran dedicated nearly three decades of service to the University of  
6 Georgia, serving as business manager for the Department of Student Activities and working  
7 for the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, where he retired as Associate Vice  
8 President; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during his tenure with Student Affairs, Mr. Cochran founded the Arch Society  
10 and served as advisor to the Student Government Association, Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity,  
11 and numerous other student organizations; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Arch Society was established in 1992 to provide the University of Georgia  
13 with students who serve as goodwill ambassadors and greeters on behalf of the school; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in honor of his years of service to the Arch Society, the program established the  
15 Tom Cochran Service Award in 1998 which is granted to an Arch Society member who  
16 spends the most hours serving the University of Georgia; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Cochran is active with the Ark United Ministry  
18 Outreach Center, which provides emergency financial assistance to the low-income  
19 population of Athens-Clarke County and surrounding counties; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Cochran has served as president of the University Employees Credit Union,  
21 where he was instrumental in the merger between the University Employees Credit Union  
22 and the Georgia Federal Credit Union; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Cochran is a founding member and served  
24 as first pastor of Ashford Memorial Methodist Church in Oconee County, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Cochran is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Frances, and  
26 he has been blessed with the love and support of their children, Will and Marcie Cochran and  
27 Maggie and Rick McAllister; and three remarkable grandchildren, Anna, Gracie, and Sarah;  
28 and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize Mr. Tom Cochran for his incredible service to the  
33 University of Georgia and the people of this state and extend to him best wishes for  
34 continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tom Cochran.