

House Resolution 2281

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Hugley of the 133rd, Randall of the 138th, Ashe of the 56th, Teilhet of the 40th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Representative DuBose Porter; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, DuBose Porter was born in Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, the son of
3 Dr. Lester and Katherine D. Porter, and he earned his Eagle Scout Badge in 1970 and
4 graduated from Dublin High School in 1971; and

5 WHEREAS, he attended Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, where he received
6 a bachelor's degree in English in 1975, and participated in Davidson's program at Oxford
7 University in Oxford, England, and spent the summer between his sophomore and junior year
8 working and traveling in Australia; and

9 WHEREAS, after college, DuBose Porter interned in Washington, D. C., for Georgia Senator
10 Sam Nunn before attending Cumberland Law School at Samford University, Birmingham,
11 and returning to his native Dublin to form the law firm of Nelson & Porter. In 1987, he and
12 Griffin Lovett purchased *The Courier Herald*, the daily newspaper in Dublin. Today
13 DuBose Porter is editor of the paper and chairman of the board of the publishing company
14 as well as executive editor of *The Soperton News*, *The Montgomery Monitor*, *The Wheeler*
15 *County Eagle*, *The Johnson Journal*, *The Twiggs Times New Era*, *The Cochran Journal*, *The*
16 *Wilkinson County Post*, and *The Baldwin Bulletin*. He is Executive Editor of these nine
17 publications. Since 1987, he has been a stockholder and member of the Board of Directors
18 of the Bank of Dudley; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1982, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. In 1991 and
20 1992, he served as Administration Floor Leader to Governor Zell Miller. In January, 2003,
21 he was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. Representative Porter
22 is now in his 14th term and serves on the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Appropriations,
23 Ethics, and Rules Committees. In January, 2005, he was elected Leader of the Democratic
24 Caucus of the House of Representatives; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Georgia and former member of
26 Board of Trustees and The Board of Advisors of The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.
27 He is the former President of the Georgia Press Association and of the Georgia Library
28 Trustees Association and served as a member of Governor Miller's Preservation 2000
29 Committee; and

30 WHEREAS, he is married to Carol Dodd of Wrightsville, Georgia, and they have four sons,
31 Stephen DuBose Porter, Jr., Guyton McCall Porter, and twins Asa Shearouse Porter and
32 Inman Lee Porter; and

33 WHEREAS, Representative Porter has dedicated 28 years to the betterment of the citizens
34 of the State of Georgia, and it is only right and proper that the members of this body honor
35 and commend him on the final day of his last session as a member of the House of
36 Representatives.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend Representative DuBose Porter for his many years of
39 dedicated public service as a member of the House of Representatives and express to him
40 their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative DuBose
43 Porter.