

Senate Resolution 131

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Joe "Slade" Johnson on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Joe "Slade" Johnson has diligently and conscientiously devoted
4 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community
5 and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service during over 15 years with the
6 Talbot County Court System; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Johnson was born on October 14, 1939, in Talbotton, Georgia, to
8 Winifred Phillips and Joe Johnson; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Talbot High School in 1957, Judge Johnson attended
10 North Georgia College before transferring to the United States Military Academy, West
11 Point, and was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant upon his graduation in 1962;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, a graduate of Ft. Benning's Ranger, airborne, infantry, and basic training
14 courses, Judge Johnson courageously served two tours in Vietnam and retired from the
15 military in 1962 as an Infantry Colonel after 30 years of honorable service; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Johnson was elected to the office of Probate Judge and Chief Magistrate
17 in 1993 and has proven himself as an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for
18 excellence in all his endeavors and whose primary concern has been the fair and impartial
19 administration of justice; and

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

24 WHEREAS, united in love and marriage to Alice Johnson in 1971, Judge Johnson will enjoy
25 his retirement spending time with his wife and two sons, Joe and Steven; and

26 WHEREAS, Judge Johnson has been active in his community, participating in the Talbot
27 County Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Valley Partnership, and the Talbot County
28 Development Authority; and

29 WHEREAS, Judge Johnson is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
30 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; the State of Georgia is honored
31 to have such a motivated and hard working individual as one of its citizens.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that members of this body
33 recognize Judge Joe "Slade" Johnson for his outstanding judicial career and commend him
34 for his years of service to the State of Georgia and the citizens of Talbot county.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Judge Joe "Slade" Johnson.