

House Resolution 569

By: Representative Sellier of the 136<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jack Shipkoski on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Shipkoski diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours  
4 of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of the lives for those affected by cancer  
5 as evidenced dramatically by his 39 years of superlative service with the American Cancer  
6 Society; and

7 WHEREAS, originally from Pennsylvania, Mr. Shipkoski earned a bachelor's degree in  
8 sociology from Kings College; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Shipkoski began his career with the American Cancer Society in 1970 as  
10 a Unit Executive Director for Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and served in the Pennsylvania  
11 Division for 11 years as Service and Rehabilitation Director, Area Manager for the Northeast  
12 Area, and Metro West Area Manager/Allegheny Unit Executive Director; and

13 WHEREAS, after moving to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1981, Mr. Shipkoski worked in the  
14 Society's Southern Area Office initiating volunteer-oriented projects and was later appointed  
15 Executive Vice President of the Georgia Division, directing a staff of 130 employees; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Shipkoski was named Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast  
17 Division where his leadership guided programs in four states, 375 employees, and over  
18 100,000 volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Southeast Division formed an important partnership with  
20 the Georgia Cancer Coalition and created the Patient Navigation Center, which assists cancer  
21 patients and their loved ones with local cancer resources and helpful information; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Southeast Division and the Mid-Atlantic Division merged to form  
23 the South Atlantic Division, serving the largest of the American Cancer Society population,  
24 of which Mr. Shipkoski was appointed Chief Executive Officer; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Shipkoski has been active in many of the American Cancer Society's  
26 events, including serving as the first Chairman for the Nationwide Relay for Life Council and  
27 for the Nationwide Hope Lodge Council; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Shipkoski looks forward to enjoying his well-deserved retirement golfing,  
29 running, and gardening, and spending time with his lovely wife, Sandra, and children, Amy,  
30 Paul, and Erica; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend Mr. Jack Shipkoski for his nearly four decades of  
35 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the American Cancer Society;  
36 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most  
37 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jack Shipkoski.