

Senate Resolution 572

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 49th, Thomas of the 54th, Murphy of the 27th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Kevin Harris, the 9th District Republican Party
2 Chairman; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Blue Ridge, Georgia, Mr. Kevin Harris graduated from Fannin
4 County High School in 1987, earned an associate's degree from Young Harris College, and
5 earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Georgia, Mr. Harris was selected as chairman for the
7 Fannin County Republican Party, the youngest chairman in the organization's history; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris currently serves as chairman for the Republican Party's 9th District
9 of Georgia where his hard work, dedication, and diligence resulted in historic triumphs at the
10 local, state, and federal level for the 2008 elections; and

11 WHEREAS, due in part to Mr. Harris's focus on providing financial support and assistance
12 at the local level, the 9th District elections resulted in the election of the highest percentage
13 of Republican candidates to office with nearly 79 percent; and

14 WHEREAS, for the first time in the history of the 9th District, after the 2008 elections the
15 majority of the sheriffs, tax commissioners, clerks of court, and coroners in the district are
16 politically affiliated with the Republican Party; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris had a dramatic impact with his assistance in the state level races in
18 2008 as well, allowing the 9th District to emerge as the strongest grassroots district in
19 Georgia and serving as the only congressional district in the state with every legislative
20 member elected as a Republican; and

21 WHEREAS, at the federal election level, Mr. Harris's leadership and drive were vital in
22 Senator John McCain's overwhelmingly carrying the 9th District, earning Senator Saxby
23 Chambliss his highest percentage district win in the state, and earning the 9th District the

24 distinction as the only district in the state in which all the Republican federal and state
25 candidates on the ballot won every county; and

26 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his keen sense of vision,
27 and his dedication to the Republican Party have earned him the respect and admiration of his
28 colleagues and associates; and is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
29 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Mr. Kevin Harris for his efficient, effective, and devoted service to the Republican
32 Party and the 9th District.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Kevin Harris.