

## Senate Resolution 606

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Brown of the 26th, Adelman of the 42nd, Thompson of the 33rd, Hooks of the 14th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Mark Taylor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Honorable Mark Taylor served with honor and distinction as Lieutenant  
3 Governor of Georgia and President of the Senate for two terms beginning in 1999; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after graduating from Emory University and the University of Georgia School  
5 of Law, Lieutenant Governor Taylor was elected to the Georgia State Senate to represent  
6 Dougherty County at just 29 years of age; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a Senator and floor leader for Governor Zell Miller, Lieutenant Governor  
8 Taylor advocated for the creation of the HOPE scholarship and pre-K program, the nation's  
9 toughest laws on violent crime, the "Victim's Bill of Rights," the largest tax cut in state  
10 history, and the creation of PeachCare for Kids; and
- 11 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in government, he made economic development  
12 throughout the great state of Georgia his top priority and was instrumental in assisting in the  
13 great prosperity of rural Georgia communities and their citizens; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he earned the honor, respect, and trust of his colleagues and associates with his  
15 consistently thorough consideration of the issues, his integrity and reliability, and his vision  
16 and equitable leadership; and
- 17 WHEREAS, of Lieutenant Governor Taylor's many important initiatives, his legislation  
18 focusing on DNA and the creation of the state DNA database has had a tremendous impact  
19 on law enforcement in the State of Georgia; and
- 20 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "The Big Guy," Lieutenant Governor Taylor is known  
21 throughout the halls of the capitol and around the state for his bright and infectious smile, his  
22 kind-hearted demeanor, and his genuine concern for the welfare of others; and

23 WHEREAS, he defined the meaning of public servant with his focus on the needs of citizens  
24 of Georgia and his placement of the prosperity of the state as a top priority; and

25 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Taylor's unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom made a  
26 lasting impact on the history of Georgia, and it is only fitting and proper that his portrait hang  
27 among the other past brilliant leaders of his stature in the Senate ante room.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor for two decades of service to the State of  
30 Georgia and its citizens and extend their most heartfelt congratulations upon the prestigious  
31 honor of having his portrait hung in the Senate ante room.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor.