

## Senate Resolution 704

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Mullis of the 53rd, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Moody of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Gena L. Evans; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gena L. Evans has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by her superlative service in state government; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans earned a bachelor's degree and a doctorate in civil engineering from  
9 the Georgia Institute of Technology; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2006, Mrs. Evans successfully completed the requirements of the Georgia  
11 Leadership Institute Executive Program and was appointed to serve as the State Property  
12 officer by Governor Perdue, heading the Georgia State Financing and Investment  
13 Commission, the Georgia Building Authority, and the State Properties Commission; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in December 2007, Mrs. Evans was selected as the first female Commissioner  
15 of the Georgia Department of Transportation by the State Board of Transportation, where she  
16 managed a state agency with nearly 6,000 employees, administered a \$2.1 billion operating  
17 budget, and served on the MARTA Board of Directors, the State Depository Board, and the  
18 State Claims Advisory Board; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans currently serves as the Executive Director for Georgia's State Road  
20 and Tollway Authority; and
- 21 WHEREAS, a published author and renowned speaker on transportation and construction  
22 topics, Mrs. Evans has been honored with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Historic

23 Preservation from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, a 2007 Governor's Award  
24 for Customer Service, and the National Association of State Facilities Administrators 2007  
25 Innovations Award; and

26 WHEREAS, her leadership and achievements have been recognized by Georgia Tech's  
27 *Alumni* magazine and by *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of Georgia's 40 Under 40 and 100  
28 Most Influential Georgians of 2008; and

29 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
30 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of  
31 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend Mrs. Gena L. Evans for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
36 service to the State of Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Gena L. Evans.