

Senate Resolution 780

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Barbara Wade; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbara Wade has diligently and conscientiously served the citizens of  
3 Georgia and the Georgia General Assembly since 1975; and

4 WHEREAS, she began her dedicated service with the Secretary of the Senate's Office as a  
5 copyreader and then moved on to serve as an engrossing and enrolling clerk, perfecting each  
6 piece of legislation and ensuring the utmost accuracy before it could be sent to the House of  
7 Representatives and the Governor; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wade has seen and conquered the technological changes that have been  
9 used in the legislative process, from processing legislation on memory typewriters with  
10 carbon paper and white out strips, to the transition from mainframe to desktop publishing;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, a humble and selfless public servant who has always worked behind the scenes  
13 ensuring the Senate's legislation is of the utmost quality, Mrs. Wade has never met an  
14 amendment she could not conquer; and

15 WHEREAS, she has earned a well-deserved reputation for her competence, patience, and  
16 kindness, and her cheerful disposition and devotion to duty make Mrs. Wade's company a  
17 pleasure and inspiration; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wade is united in love and marriage to her devoted husband, Bobby, and  
19 they have been blessed with four wonderful children, Susan, Michael, Stephanie, and Brian;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wade is an avid reader, country music fan, and recipe collector who  
22 proudly brags about her great source of pride and joy, her six remarkable and beautiful  
23 grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Wade is an active member of the  
25 Mount Zion Baptist Church in Snellville where she teaches Vacation Bible School and leads  
26 other ministry projects; and

27 WHEREAS, the members of the Secretary of the Senate's Office, both past and present, have  
28 been privileged to have had her friendship and support for the past 35 legislative sessions,  
29 and her dedicated public service and kind hearted demeanor will be sorely missed by her  
30 coworkers; and

31 WHEREAS, the Senate Mezzanine will never be the same without her presence and she is  
32 wished a lifetime of happiness and joy.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 commend Mrs. Barbara Wade for 35 sessions of service to the State of Georgia under six  
35 Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, and three Secretaries of the Senate and extend their  
36 most heartfelt congratulations upon the occasion of her retirement.

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. Barbara Wade.