

Senate Resolution 850

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Murphy of the 27th, Rogers of the 21st and Chance of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Charlie Gatlin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his remarkable years of superlative public service; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gatlin's retirement on December 1, 2009, from his position as Deputy
10 Commissioner for Tourism and Marketing with the Georgia Department of Economic
11 Development, marked the conclusion of a distinguished career of devotion to the public; and

12 WHEREAS, a visionary leader, Mr. Gatlin served the State of Georgia and its citizens for
13 20 years and his commitment earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
14 associates; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Gatlin began his career with the Department of Economic Development as
16 Director of Marketing in Business Recruitment, and during his two decades with the agency
17 he served as Projects Team Leader, Chief of Staff, Deputy Commissioner for Business
18 Recruitment, and Executive Director for the Georgia Allies; and

19 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
20 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
21 state made him an indispensable part of the Department of Economic Development team; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Gatlin is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
23 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Mr. Charlie Gatlin for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
28 service; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their
29 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charlie Gatlin.