

House Resolution 1231

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup> and Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Terry Walsh; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry Walsh has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in the legal community and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a retired partner at Alston & Bird, Mr. Walsh was honored by his alma mater,  
6 Emory University School of Law, with a Lifetime Commitment to Public Service Award  
7 from the Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC) at the 2010 Inspiration Awards Ceremony  
8 and Reception; and

9 WHEREAS, founded in 1988, EPIC promotes awareness and increases understanding of  
10 public interest law, encourages and facilitates the employment of Emory students in public  
11 interest legal positions, and raises money to provide grants to students so that they may work  
12 with public interest programs during the summer; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Walsh's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to legal  
14 organizations throughout this state, as he has served as president of the Atlanta Bar  
15 Association, president of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, president  
16 of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., and director of the Georgia Legal Services Program;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, he has diligently and selflessly devoted his time, talents, and energy to the State  
19 Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors and Committee on Children and the Courts and the  
20 Civil Justice Committee and Justice for Children Committee of the Supreme Court of  
21 Georgia; and he facilitated the establishment of the Georgia Asylum and Immigration  
22 Network; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Walsh has dedicated four decades to the field of law and public service  
24 which has been recognized by the legal community with such awards as the H. Sol Clark,  
25 Charles Watkins, Phillip Heiner, David Pollard, John Minor Wisdom, and Livingston Hall  
26 Awards, a 2008 *Fulton County Daily Report* Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award, a 1995  
27 Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change Community Service Award,  
28 a Chief Justice Robert Benham's Community Service Award, and a 2000 Elbert P. Tuttle  
29 Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League; and

30 WHEREAS, he stands as the chair and co-founder of The Truancy Intervention Project,  
31 founding director of the Georgia Justice Project, a founding advisory board member of EPIC,  
32 and a director of Family Connection Partnership and Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and  
33 Justice; and

34 WHEREAS, the honorable deeds and selfless actions of this distinguished Georgian serve  
35 as a shining example of volunteerism, and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to  
36 have Mr. Walsh as a citizen.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body commend Mr. Terry Walsh on his volunteer efforts and  
39 contributions, extend to him their most sincere gratitude for his decades of efficient,  
40 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service, and congratulate him upon his most recent honor  
41 of a Lifetime Commitment to Public Service Award from Emory University School of Law's  
42 Emory Public Interest Committee.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Terry Walsh.