

House Resolution 244

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 146th, Talton of the 145th, and Abrams of the 84th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Honorable Larry Walker and inviting him to be recognized by the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Larry Walker is a respected and highly regarded former member
4 of the Georgia General Assembly serving from 1972 to 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as the Georgia House of Representatives Administrative Floor Leader
6 for Governor Joe Frank Harris, was elected House Majority Leader in 1986, and served as
7 the chairman of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Walker was elected to serve on the Department of
9 Transportation Board and was appointed in 2009 by Governor Sonny Perdue to serve on the
10 University System of Georgia Board of Regents; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Walker is a true Georgian, being born and raised in middle
12 Georgia, becoming a "double dawg" by getting his undergraduate and law degrees from the
13 University of Georgia, and living and practicing law in Perry all of his adult life; and

14 WHEREAS, he has been a regular columnist in the *Houston Home Journal* and *James*
15 *Magazine* and is a prolific reader; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that Representative Walker would pen a book about
17 Georgia, his family and friends, "everything Southern," reading, and, of course, politics and
18 entitle the book *Life on the Gnat Line*; and

19 WHEREAS, in his farewell remarks to the Georgia General Assembly, Representative
20 Walker cautioned that he may write a book and include stories about his legislative friends;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, *Life on the Gnat Line* inspires us to value relationships and to meet the
23 challenges we face as the "Old South" fades into the "New South" by constantly being
24 reminded of the hopes and dreams of the past.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Honorable Larry Walker on his many outstanding
27 achievements and invite him and his wife, Janice, to be recognized by the House of
28 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Larry
32 Walker.