

House Resolution 339

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 46th, O`Neal of the 146th, Channell of the 116th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2010 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for
2 Georgians; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2010 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians was
4 established to perform a systematic study of Georgia's revenue structure and formulate
5 recommendations for tax structure changes; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout the year, these dedicated professionals held hearings across the state
7 to gather public input and determine how best to reform this state's tax code; and

8 WHEREAS, 11 members were appointed to serve on the 2010 Tax Council and included
9 Council Chairman A.D. Frazier, Governor Sonny Perdue, Dr. David Sjoquist, Dr. Jeffrey
10 Humphreys, Dr. Roger Tutterow, Dr. Christine Ries, Roy Fickling, D.E. "Skeeter"
11 McCorkle, Bradford Dickson, Gerry Harkins, and Suzanne Sitherwood; and

12 WHEREAS, the Council included economists from Georgia's four major universities, Dr.
13 Sjoquist from Georgia State University, Dr. Humphreys from the University of Georgia, Dr.
14 Tutterow from Mercer University, and Dr. Ries from the Georgia Institute of Technology;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Chairman of the National Federation of Independent Business Gerry
17 Harkins and Chairman of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Suzanne Sitherwood
18 represented the business community's interests and contributed their business acumen to the
19 Council; and

20 WHEREAS, A.D. Frazier of Mineral Bluff and Roy Fickling of Macon were appointed by
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve on the Council, while D.E. "Skeeter"
22 McCorkle of Dearing and Bradford Dickson of Sandy Springs were appointed by the
23 Lieutenant Governor; and

24 WHEREAS, a successful small business owner in agribusiness and transportation, Governor
25 Sonny Perdue was an asset for the Council due to his extensive business knowledge and
26 years of public sector experience, having served as Georgia's Governor from 2003 to 2011
27 and a member of the General Assembly for 11 years; and

28 WHEREAS, Council members brought their expertise and vast knowledge to the table and
29 worked together in analyzing extensive tax reform findings which have enabled the General
30 Assembly to craft legislation that will create more revenue for Georgia and ease the tax
31 burdens of many citizens; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary service of the Council
33 be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize the members of the 2010 Special Council on Tax Reform
36 and Fairness for Georgians for their dedicated service to Georgia and commend their efforts
37 to analyze and improve upon the complex tax structure of this state.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the 2010
40 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians.