

House Resolution 678

By: Representatives Powell of the 29th and Bearden of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Derrick D. Schofield on his outstanding public service;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Derrick D. Schofield has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare 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 superlative service with the Georgia Department of Corrections; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield's academic credentials include a bachelor's degree in political
10 science from Fort Valley State University and master's degrees in psychology and public
11 administration from Columbus State University; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Army as an officer for eight years and worked for a nonprofit agency for substance
14 abuse treatment before beginning his career with the Georgia Department of Corrections; and

15 WHEREAS, a veteran of the department for nearly 18 years, Mr. Schofield has worked his
16 way through the ranks with positions as a detention center superintendent, assistant
17 superintendent, and warden at four of the department's toughest prisons, including overseeing
18 maximum security and death row operations; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield was called upon to create a new unit for the department and
20 served as the director of investigations and compliance, where he oversaw the agency's
21 operational readiness and ensured proper audit processes at facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, he has served as the director of facilities operations, overseeing all of Georgia's
23 prisons and centers, and was appointed deputy commissioner in 2010, serving as
24 second-in-command and chief of staff for the department; and

25 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to LaTrese Davis Schofield since 1990,
26 and he has been blessed with three remarkable children, Kendra, Amber, and Zoë; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield has recently been named Commissioner of the Tennessee
28 Department of Corrections; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia
30 Department of Corrections, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Mr. Derrick D. Schofield for his efficient, effective,
33 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend to him their most
34 sincere best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Derrick D. Schofield.