

House Resolution 736

By: Representative Jasperse of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable James "Larry" Ray on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge James "Larry" Ray 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, Judge Ray has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
7 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his over 18 years of superlative service with the Pickens County Court
9 System; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of Pickens High School, Judge Ray served as a guardian of this
11 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps and then accepted positions
12 in management with national corporations before establishing his own small business, R & R
13 Towing, in 1985; and

14 WHEREAS, he entered public service as a jailer for the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and
15 was later appointed administrative assistant and delinquent tax collector for the Pickens
16 County Commissioner's Office; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Ray was elected to the office of chief magistrate in 1992 and began his
18 judicial service as only the second chief magistrate of Pickens County; and

19 WHEREAS, his colleagues know him as a hard worker, as a man whose convictions are
20 supported by careful and meticulous consideration, and as an impartial leader whose
21 decisions are governed both by law and the rules of honesty and fair play; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Ray has served with honor and distinction with the State of Georgia, and
23 his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his
24 retirement; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Judge James "Larry" Ray for his efficient, effective,
29 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
30 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for
31 continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable James
34 "Larry" Ray.