

Senate Resolution 589

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Stoner of the 6th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Michael L. Thomas on the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Michael L. Thomas 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 Transportation in his
9 current position as Director of Local Grants and Field Services; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of Telfair County High School, Mr. Thomas earned a bachelor's
11 degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and began his
12 distinguished career with the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1983; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the department, Mr. Thomas has served in various roles,
14 including construction, maintenance, and operations, with his longest engagement as district
15 engineer for Eastern Middle Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
17 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
18 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
19 associates; and

20 WHEREAS, a second generation department employee, Mr. Thomas has been united in love
21 and marriage to his wife, Joy, for 27 wonderful years and he has been blessed with three
22 children; and

23 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
24 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia Department
26 of Transportation and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the
27 occasion of his retirement; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Mr. Michael L. Thomas for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
32 service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement;
33 and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Michael L. Thomas.