

House Resolution 979

By: Representative Harden of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Whitfield R. Forrester; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitfield R. Forrester has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by his superlative service to young men with the Boy Scouts of America
8 program; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester has been recognized for his leadership and service by the Chehaw
10 Council of the Boy Scouts of America with a Distinguished Citizen Award; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
12 States Army, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans in the European
13 Theater during World War II; and

14 WHEREAS, a graduate of Cordele High School, Mr. Forrester earned a bachelor's degree
15 from North Georgia College and a law degree from the University of Georgia, where he was
16 a member of Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester was appointed to the Superior Court of the Cordele Judicial
18 Circuit in 1980, a position he retained until 2004, making him the longest serving superior
19 judge in the Cordele Judicial Circuit; and

20 WHEREAS, this community leader has served as president of the Cordele Lions Club, on
21 the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Georgia, president of the Cordele Judicial Circuit
22 Bar Association, president of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the

23 board of directors for First State Bank & Trust Company, and chairman of the Jekyll Island
24 State Park Authority; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester is united in love and marriage to Doris McDowell Forrester and
26 has been blessed with three beautiful daughters, Elizabeth E. Forrester, Margaret Lynn
27 Lawrence, and Andrea Leigh Bickhaus; 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Mr. Whitfield R. Forrester for his efficient, effective,
32 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and the Boy Scouts of
33 America program and congratulate him on his receipt of a Distinguished Citizen Award.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Whitfield R. Forrester.