

Senate Resolution 1080

By: Senator Chance of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Melanie B. Harris-Simmons on the occasion of her
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Melanie B. Harris-Simmons has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by 35 years of superlative service with the Internal Revenue Service; and

9 WHEREAS, she began her career as a GS-3 Clerk Typist in the Collection Division, Special
10 Procedures Staff in 1976 working her way up through the ranks and eventually becoming a
11 GS 12 Revenue Officer; and

12 WHEREAS, she has instructed numerous classes and conducted a significant amount of
13 workshop classes to various audiences from administrative support to upper level
14 management; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Harris-Simmons' significant organizational and leadership talents, her
16 remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs
17 of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
18 associates; and

19 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Donnie, and has been blessed with two
20 remarkable children, Amanda and Aaron, and five wonderful grandchildren, Tyler, Zackary,
21 Hayley, Cheyenne, and Peyton; and

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

24 WHEREAS, upon her retirement she plans to become an enrolled agent and continue
25 working in the practitioner community as well as devoting more time to her volunteer work
26 with the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 51, East Point, helping and assisting veterans; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Harris-Simmons has served with honor and distinction with the Internal
28 Revenue Service and her vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the
29 occasion of her retirement; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Ms. Melanie B. Harris-Simmons for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and
34 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate her upon the grand occasion
35 of her retirement, and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
36 happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Melanie B. Harris-Simmons.