

Senate Resolution 1129

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Carter of the 42nd and Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Retirement Housing Foundation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) is a national nonprofit organization  
3 that provides various affordable housing options and services for older adults, low-income  
4 families, and persons with disabilities in an environment that enhances their quality of life  
5 physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

6 WHEREAS, RHF was established in 1961 by two clergymen of the California United  
7 Church of Christ and one layman; and

8 WHEREAS, home to more than 17,000 people in 166 housing communities in 25 states, the  
9 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands, it is one of the  
10 nation's largest nonprofit sponsors and managers of housing and services; and

11 WHEREAS, RHF serves and employs without regard to ancestry, color, race, creed, religion,  
12 gender, sexual orientation, physical disability, or familial status; and

13 WHEREAS, goals and policies of RHF are set by the board of directors, its president, and  
14 chief executive officer; and

15 WHEREAS, with more than 2,700 employees nation wide, daily operations are handled by  
16 a team of more than 140 area supervisors, managers, and administrators; and

17 WHEREAS, it maintains its church affiliation through the Council for Health and Human  
18 Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ and co-sponsors housing projects with  
19 numerous denominational community organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, RHF is a member of the Leading Age, the International Association of Home  
21 and Services for the Ageing, Leading Age state affiliates, the American Senior Association

22 of the National Multi-Housing Council, the Low-Income Housing Coalition, American  
23 Society on Aging, the Association of Housing Management Agents, and Stewards of  
24 Affordable Housing for the Future; and

25 WHEREAS, seniors in Stone Mountain will greatly benefit with the groundbreaking for Lane  
26 Manor, RHF's newest affordable community for seniors and its fifth property in the State of  
27 Georgia and the first in the City of Stone Mountain; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
29 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state and this nation be  
30 appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize the Retirement Housing Foundation for providing housing options and services to  
33 older adults, low-income families, and person with disabilities and commend its new location  
34 at Stone Mountain.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Retirement Housing Foundation.