

Senate Resolution 1257

By: Senators James of the 35th and Seay of the 34th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Marvin S. Arrington, Sr., on the occasion of  
2 his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Marvin S. Arrington, Sr., has long been recognized by the  
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he was one of the first African American graduates from the School of Law of  
7 Emory University in 1967, received his undergraduate degree from Clark College, and  
8 studied as an International Business Fellow at the London School of Business; and

9 WHEREAS, he was first elected to the Atlanta Board of Aldermen in 1969, served as  
10 president of the Atlanta City Council from 1981 to 1996, and was senior partner in the law  
11 firm of Arrington and Hollowell before being appointed as the Superior Court Judge for  
12 Fulton County in 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, Judge Arrington has been a member of  
14 numerous boards, including the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, the  
15 Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Authority, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, the  
16 Advisory Board of the World Trade Club of Atlanta, the Commerce Club, the Atlanta  
17 Business League, the Atlanta Lawyers Club, and the Board of Governors of the Atlanta City  
18 Club; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been honored numerous times, including as "One of Atlanta's Top 25  
20 Lawyers" by *Atlanta* magazine and "Among the 100 Most Influential People in Georgia" by  
21 *Georgia Trend* magazine, and has received the Chief Justice Robert Benham Award, the Seth  
22 Kirschenbaum Diversity Award, the Clarence Cooper Legacy Award, the Emory Medal, the  
23 Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the President's Award; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Arrington's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
25 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
26 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
27 associates; and

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

30 WHEREAS, Judge Arrington has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and  
31 unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 commend the Honorable Marvin S. Arrington, Sr., for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
36 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion  
37 of his retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
38 happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Marvin S. Arrington, Sr.