

House Resolution 2016

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Ehrhart of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending William H. "Bill" Hecht and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William H. "Bill" Hecht is a fixture in Washington, D.C., and has made
4 significant and lasting contributions to his church, family, friends, and country; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Tifton, Georgia, Bill earned a Master of Arts degree from
6 Washington University in St. Louis, a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary
7 in St. Louis, and Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Concordia
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as an ordained pastor at Faith Lutheran Church and also taught
10 philosophy at the University of Oklahoma from 1960 to 1967; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill accepted the position of executive director of the Republican Party in
12 Missouri in 1967 and moved his family to Jefferson City, where two years later he became
13 special assistant to the president of the American Security Council; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1967, Bill led a group of Missouri Synod Lutheran Church presidents on a
15 worldwide mission, and he and his family moved to Washington, D.C., where he became
16 special assistant to the late Representative Richard Ichord; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1975, Bill joined the Tobacco Institute where he served as the vice president
18 for legislative affairs until 1981 when he started his own government relations firm called
19 Hecht Spencer and Associates, Inc., with his friend and colleague, Stuart Spencer; and

20 WHEREAS, Bill played an active role in both of President Reagan's campaigns and President
21 Bush's 1988 campaign where he served as the congressional liaison for the Bush-Quayle
22 Inaugural Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Susan Vogt and blessed with three
24 remarkable sons, Herbert William II, Timothy Paul, and James Christian, and ten adored
25 grandchildren, Caroline, Rachel, William Herbert III, Robbie, Christian, Danny, Hannah,
26 Sammy, Holly, and Jonathan; and

27 WHEREAS, Bill has received numerous honors, including The Silver Beaver Award for
28 Distinguished Service to Youth from the Boy Scouts of America in 1998, the Honorary
29 Doctor of Laws Award from Concordia University in 2005 and the Distinguished Alumni
30 Award from Concordia Seminary in 2006; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend William H. "Bill" Hecht on decades of efficient,
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service, extend their most heartfelt gratitude for his
36 many contributions to the United States, and invite him to be recognized by the House of
37 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William H. "Bill" Hecht.