

Senate Resolution 1287

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Hooks of the 14th, Thompson of the 33rd and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Russell Hinton and wishing him happiness in retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell Hinton has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable
4 hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as
5 evidenced dramatically by his 38 years of superlative service with the Department of Audits;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he was born October 19, 1952, in Warrenton, Georgia, and graduated from the
8 University of Georgia in 1974 with a degree in accounting, and through the years, he has
9 remained a steadfast bulldog fan; and

10 WHEREAS, he began his career with the Department of Audits after graduation in 1974 and
11 has held different positions within the department, culminating with his appointment as State
12 Auditor in 1999, and one of his many noteworthy achievements in that position was his work
13 in the creation of the State Accounting Office, which came into being by executive order on
14 October 6, 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, he has served as president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Association of
16 Government Accountants (AGA) and as AGA Southeastern Regional Vice President,
17 completed a three-year term on the AGA National Executive Committee in 2003, and served
18 for two years as chair of the AGA Financial Management Standards Board, and he received
19 the AGA National President's Awards for promotion of the CGFM Certification and his
20 leadership as chair of the Financial Management Standards Board in 2003 and 2006,
21 respectively; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hinton has served as president of the National State Auditor's Association,
23 chair of the association's Single Audit and E-Government Committees, and a member of the
24 executive committee of the association, and in August 2007, he was appointed to the

25 executive committee of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and
26 Treasurers; and

27 WHEREAS, in August of 2010, Mr. Hinton received the prestigious AICPA 2010
28 Outstanding CPA in Government - State Level award, which is made annually by the AICPA
29 for significant and sustained contributions to increased efficiency and effectiveness of
30 governmental operations and the growth and enhancement of the accounting profession; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell is the proud father of two children, Wes and Courtney, and the
32 doting grandfather of a beautiful granddaughter, Hannah; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has been fortunate, indeed, to have had such a capable,
34 talented, and dedicated public servant in the Department of Audits, and the members of this
35 body express their gratitude for his many years of service and wish him happiness in
36 retirement.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 commend Mr. Russell Hinton for his many years of dedicated public service.

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 transmit an appropriate copy of this
41 resolution to Mr. Russell Hinton.