

House Resolution 2061

By: Representative Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Michael Hightower; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Hightower earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark College  
3 and conducted post-graduate studies at Georgia State University; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hightower is the founder and managing partner of The Collaborative Firm,  
5 LLC, and with nearly 30 years of experience in the public, private, and educational arenas,  
6 he provides a wealth of experience in public policy, with an emphasis on planning, economic  
7 development, and local government issues; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a member of the College Park City Council, a member and vice  
9 chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, president of the National  
10 Association of Counties, director of community development at Barton Malow Company,  
11 and a staff member in the affirmative actions office of the financial affairs division at  
12 Georgia State University; and

13 WHEREAS, his representative project experience includes working with the Clayton County  
14 Zoning Ordinance Update, the Clayton County Zoning Overlay Districts, the Scottdale  
15 Revitalization Plan, the City of East Point Livable Centers Initiative, and the Riverdale Town  
16 Center Livable Centers initiative; and

17 WHEREAS, he has received nearly 300 awards and recognitions from entities such as the  
18 White House, National Association of Counties, *Georgia Trend Magazine*, South Fulton  
19 Chamber of Commerce, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia State University, and Alpha Phi  
20 Alpha Fraternity; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Hightower's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
22 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs

23 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
24 associates; and

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Mr. Michael Hightower for his efficient, effective,  
31 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Michael Hightower.