

House Resolution 2103

By: Representatives Abrams of the 84th, Hugley of the 133rd, Thomas of the 100th, Smyre of the 132nd, Buckner of the 130th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Representative Joseph B. Heckstall on the occasion of his
- 2 retirement; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Representative Joseph B. Heckstall has long been recognized by the citizens of
- 4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
- 5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

- 6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
- 7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
- 8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia House of Representatives; and

- 9 WHEREAS, he earned his undergraduate degree from Saint Augustine College and is
- 10 certified in Neuro Linguistic Programming and Hypnotherapy Language; and

- 11 WHEREAS, also known as Mr. Energizer, Representative Heckstall is a successful lecturer,
- 12 TV talk show host, trainer, and radio commentator who has spent numerous years sharing
- 13 his message of power and success based on his philosophy of powerful thinking, which
- 14 reminds his audience that there are no limited opportunities, only limited thoughts; and

- 15 WHEREAS, Representative Heckstall has worked as a real estate and mortgage salesman,
- 16 was an educator and teen counselor, served as a city councilman in East Point, and is
- 17 currently the State Representative of Georgia's District 62; and

- 18 WHEREAS, in September of 2005, he released his first book, *Grandparents Aren't Goofy:*
- 19 *Yes They Are, Too*, which captures Representative Heckstall's humorous side as he gives
- 20 accounts from his own experience of the joy of being a grandparent; and

- 21 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Andrea, and together they are blessed with
- 22 four remarkable children, an adored adopted niece, and three wonderful grandchildren; and

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

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

29 WHEREAS, Representative Heckstall has served with honor and distinction with the House
30 of Representatives and his vision, and unyielding commitment have set the standard for
31 public service; 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Representative Joseph B. Heckstall for his efficient,
36 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him
37 upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes
38 for continued health and happiness.

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 Representative Joseph B.
41 Heckstall.