

## House Resolution 2149

By: Representatives Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Hatchett of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas of the 100<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Tom Cook on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Cook earned a bachelor's degree from Harding College in 1973 and  
4 two graduate degrees from Harding Graduate School of Religion in 1976; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role  
6 that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
7 citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
10 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Veterans since; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook served as the department service officer for The American Legion  
12 Department of Georgia from 1998 to 2005, joined the Georgia Department of Veterans  
13 Service in February of 1998, and served as claims counselor, director of claims, and is  
14 currently the assistant commissioner of field operations and claims; and

15 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a chaplain in the  
16 United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans in Germany  
17 and South Korea, and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1997; and

18 WHEREAS, he has been a valuable asset to the work of the House Committee on Defense  
19 and Veterans Affairs in the Georgia House of Representatives and was counted on by many;  
20 and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia Department  
26 of Veterans Service and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon  
27 the occasion of his retirement; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Mr. Tom Cook for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
32 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion  
33 of his retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
34 happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tom Cook.