

Senate Resolution 63EX

By: Senator Jeffares of the 17th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Ann Hicks on the occasion of her retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Ann Hicks is retiring on August 31, 2011, after a long and distinguished  
4 career with the Office of the Secretary of State; and

5 WHEREAS, she has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that  
6 she has played in state and local government and her deep personal commitment to the  
7 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of this state as evidenced dramatically by her  
10 superlative service with the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State,  
11 beginning as a secretary/typist and rising through the ranks to serve as an elections  
12 coordinator, assistant division director, and, in 2010, director of the Elections Division; and

13 WHEREAS, a graduate of Henry County High School, Ms. Hicks began her exceptional  
14 career with the Office of the Secretary of State on March 16, 1979, in the Elections Division;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Hicks has served under seven Secretaries of State: Ben  
17 Fortson, David Poythress, Max Cleland, Lewis Massey, Cathy Cox, Karen Handel, and Brian  
18 Kemp; and

19 WHEREAS, her effervescent personality, her significant organizational and leadership  
20 talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity  
21 to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her  
22 colleagues and associates and have endeared her to state and local election officials in this  
23 state and nationally; and

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

26 WHEREAS, she has served with honor and distinction with the Elections Division of the  
27 Office of the Secretary of State, and her wisdom, knowledge, experience, and unyielding  
28 commitment to public service will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Ms. Ann Hicks for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service  
33 to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and  
34 extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ann Hicks.