

Senate Resolution 165

By: Senators Crosby of the 13th, Stone of the 23rd, McKoon of the 29th, Jackson of the 24th, Cowsert of the 46th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Judicial Council and the Administrative Office of the Courts on 40 years
2 of developing and improving statewide court administration; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the judiciary is one of the cornerstones of a democratic system of government,
4 a branch that our Georgia Constitution establishes as a co-equal partner with the executive
5 and legislative branches; and

6 WHEREAS, faith in our government rests in large part on the public's trust and confidence
7 in our courts; and

8 WHEREAS, efficient and effective courts are vital to protecting and serving Georgia's
9 increasing population and making our state an attractive location to conduct business; and

10 WHEREAS, the Judicial Council is the policy-making body for all of Georgia's courts, and
11 the Administrative Office of the Courts is its administrative arm; and

12 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1973, the Administrative Office of the Courts has provided
13 business and management expertise and professional services to all classes of courts to
14 promote the effective and efficient administration of justice throughout Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts, as staff of the Judicial Council,
16 provides subject matter expertise on policy, furnishes information technology and human
17 resources, and produces journals, study reports, court manuals, and legislative updates; and

18 WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts' research addressing caseloads,
19 courthouse facilities, juries, court budgets, and juvenile justice services has led to
20 constructive change in Georgia's court system at the state and local levels; and

21 WHEREAS, the Judicial Council and Administrative Office of the Courts, who for 20 years
22 supported the development of problem-solving and accountability in courts, have worked to
23 establish or support numerous councils, committees, boards, and commissions that benefit
24 citizens by developing strategies and recommendations on judicial education, court
25 technology, alternative dispute resolution, and so much more; and

26 WHEREAS, during the past four decades, the Judicial Council and the Administrative Office
27 of the Courts have pursued their mission to ensure consistency in the statewide court system,
28 to improve court operations, and to enhance communication among Georgia's judiciary.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend the Judicial Council and the Administrative Office of the Courts for their 40 year
31 commitment to the efficient and fair administration of justice in Georgia's courts.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
34 of Georgia as chair of the Judicial Council and to the Director of the Administrative Office
35 of the Courts.