

Senate Resolution 169

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Ginn of the 47th, Tippins of the 37th and Millar of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending James Robert Chambers, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. James Robert Chambers, Jr., has shown the dedication of an exemplary
3 Georgian through his work as a an educator, a spokesperson in both the Atlanta and Athens
4 communities, an active member of many prestigious academic associations dedicated to the
5 support and recognition of hard-working students across the state, and a facilitator of several
6 international programs designed to provide students with study-abroad opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers first displayed an impressive inclination toward furthering
8 education through his own studies as he earned a Bachelor of Science as well as a Master of
9 Education from the University of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he has devoted his professional career to the enrichment of young minds across
11 the state by working at Pace Academy in Atlanta from 1963 to 1983 as a teacher and athletic
12 coach then eventually as an Upper School Principal and Assistant Headmaster until he
13 assumed the position of Headmaster of Athens Academy in Athens in 1983; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers continued to serve students throughout the country through his
15 involvement in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) where he has acted
16 as a member of the board of directors and commission on accreditation, a mentor for aspiring
17 heads, and presenter at the 1994 NAIS National Conference; and

18 WHEREAS, he has also assumed numerous leadership positions in the Southern Association
19 of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, the Mid-South
20 Association of Independent Schools, the Georgia Independent School Association, and the
21 Georgia High School Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers has dutifully served in both the Athens and Atlanta communities
23 as a leader in Athens Rotary Club, Athens City Club, President's Club of the University of

24 Georgia, Friends of Clark County Library board of directors, Athens Area Chamber of
25 Commerce, Oconee Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta Tipoff Club, and Buckhead Rotary
26 Club; and

27 WHEREAS, his enthusiasm and the high caliber of service he has dedicated to improving
28 education on a national level has been widely recognized as Mr. Chambers has most
29 deservedly been honored in his career as the recipient of the Georgia Independent School
30 Association Distinguished Service Award, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
31 Distinguished Service Award, STAR Teacher recognition, and the Love Learning Award
32 presented by the University of Georgia chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers is happily married to Mrs. Nell Curington Chambers and has five
34 wonderful children and nine cherished grandchildren.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend James Robert Chambers, Jr., for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
37 service to the State of Georgia and its aspiring students and thriving communities.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James Robert Chambers, Jr.