A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Thomas J. Lawley, M.D., on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Lawley, M.D., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted over 17 years of his life, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative work as Dean of the Emory School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawley's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his dedication to instilling in university students the same determination that led him to be a leading expert in his field have left a significant mark of improvement and growth on Emory School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, as Dean, Dr. Lawley has increased Emory School of Medicine and NIH sponsored research funding by more than fourfold to more that $250 million per year and guided Emory to a top 20 ranking among United States Medical Schools; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, strategic plans for research and teaching have been implemented and new innovative curriculum created; and

WHEREAS, he has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges and currently serves as the president of the Emory Medical Care Foundation and as a member of the board of the Children's Research Center, the Emory Clinic, and Emory Healthcare; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Lawley is also a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, and the American Clinical and Climatologic Association; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors and awards, including the Pfizer Award, the Hoechst Award, the Public Health Service Superior Service Award, the Marion Sulzberger Award given by the American Academy of Dermatology as Professor of the Year in Dermatology in 1995, and the Stephen Rothman Award in 2006, the highest honor bestowed by the Society for Investigative Dermatology, of which he is a past president.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body commend Thomas J. Lawley, M.D., for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia through his exemplary leadership as Dean of Emory University School of Medicine; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Thomas J. Lawley.