

House Resolution 351

By: Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Gregory of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bill Thrash on his outstanding accomplishments; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bill Thrash has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Thrash, who grew up in Oklahoma, served in the US Army during the
7 Vietnam War and trained as a paramedic, eventually attending nursing school; and

8 WHEREAS, when he moved to Kennesaw, he served on the Development Authority,
9 Recreation and Culture Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission; and in 2001,
10 this outstanding citizen was elected to the city council and is currently serving his third term;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman's other outstanding accomplishments include
13 serving as mayor pro tempore in 2011, past president of the Cobb Municipal Association,
14 and president of the 3rd district's West Region of the Georgia Municipal Association; and
15 he was also invited to serve on the National League of Cities Council on Youth, Education,
16 and Families in 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time and
18 energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced through the creation of the
19 Kennesaw Youth Council, encouraging teens in civic involvement; Swift-Cantrell Park, a
20 premier relaxation and central gathering place for area residents; the Dream Foundation, a
21 program implemented to guide student development; and a \$5,000 Kaiser Permanente grant,
22 whose money was used for wellness initiatives for the community; and

23 WHEREAS, he opened the new Bill Thrash Kennesaw Teen Center in August 2012 to
24 provide a safe place for kids to go after school and study through the creation of a teen
25 after-school program; and

26 WHEREAS, his significant organization and leadership talents has earned his efforts
27 accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, which
28 is only awarded to 5 percent of the agencies in the United States; and

29 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, loving husband, father, and friend, and champion
30 of families and youth, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Bill Thrash is commended and
31 recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Bill Thrash for his unselfish and dedicated public service
34 to the State of Georgia.

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 Bill Thrash.