

## Senate Resolution 578

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Golden of the 8th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Steve L. Rumford on the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted 29 years of his time, talents, and  
7 energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his  
8 superlative service with the Methodist Home; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Rumford came to the Methodist Home in June of 1984 as the CEO and  
10 President; he had been previously employed as Associate Director of the United Methodist  
11 Home of Kentucky; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a State of Georgia Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a member of the  
13 Academy of Certified Social Workers, a Certified Peer Team Chairman, and a member of  
14 the Council on Accreditation and the United Methodist National Health and Welfare  
15 Association program; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Rumford's vision and leadership made it possible for the Methodist Home  
17 to serve more children, in more places and ways, more effectively; his exemplary dedication  
18 allowed the home to enter the 21st century with cutting-edge programs and services that help  
19 to provide healthy childhood memories to the youth served by the Methodist Home; and

20 WHEREAS, under his direction, the Methodist Home has established new innovative  
21 programs, including the Eagle's Nest Children's Center, the state recognized Assessment  
22 Program for Troubled Youth, the Methodist Home Auxiliary, and the Family Institute; and

23 WHEREAS, as CEO of the Methodist Home, Dr. Rumford has received many professional  
24 awards, including the Eugene Calhoun Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia  
25 Association of Homes and Services for Children and the Gail Bayes Vision for Children  
26 Award, and was named Administrator of the Year; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Rumford has served with honor and distinction with the Methodist Home,  
28 and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his  
29 retirement; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Dr. Steve L. Rumford for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service  
34 to the youth of the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his  
35 retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
36 happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Steve L. Rumford.