

## Senate Resolution 650

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Miller of the 49th, Staton of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Robert F. Ewing on his service to the State of Georgia  
2 and on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of the Senate was created in 1789 and has proudly  
4 served the citizens of Georgia along with the Georgia State Senate for over 200 years, the  
5 position being most recently filled by the honorable Bob Ewing; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ewing is united in love and marriage to Debbie Ewing and is blessed with  
7 two remarkable children, Kendall and Ben; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1979, Mr. Ewing approached then Secretary Hamilton McWhorter, Jr., for  
9 a job and was hired for a session position as a member of the crew, where he learned the  
10 working of this office from the ground up under his tutelage; and

11 WHEREAS, as Deputy Secretary under Secretary Frank Eldridge, Jr., he learned the value  
12 of technology and was instrumental in developing the voting system in the Senate chamber  
13 and creating the Senate Proposed First Readers document; and

14 WHEREAS, he has performed and dispatched his various duties with due diligence, careful  
15 attention, and an exceptional dedication to the spirit of nonpartisan cooperation for the  
16 governing of our fair state; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ewing, during his more than 30 years of service to his adopted State of  
18 Georgia, has always managed to maintain a calm, consistent, professional demeanor in the  
19 face of daily challenges that can only be described euphemistically as daunting; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ewing has decided to enter into retirement after his 34 years of service to  
21 the State of Georgia, leaving behind a respected, admirable legacy of a job well done; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Ewing will be taking with him the best wishes and lasting affection of an  
23 extremely varied collection of fellow Secretary of the Senate office employees who, with his  
24 kindhearted and dedicated assistance over a period of so many years, were often introduced  
25 to and shepherded through the intricacies of state government in all of its arcane, inscrutable,  
26 ambiguous, frustrating, and even infuriating glory; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Ewing, during his tenure as Secretary, has enabled his staff to set and meet  
28 an extraordinarily high standard of performance, commendably fulfilling their  
29 constitutionally mandated task as custodian for all bills, resolutions, substitutes, amendments,  
30 records, papers, and official documents filed with the Senate, and doing so in such a way as  
31 to justly earn and maintain a reputation as a properly governed and ethically upright office;  
32 and

33 WHEREAS, somehow, he has succeeded in accomplishing all of this, year after year, while  
34 still retaining his remarkable sense of humor; in sharing his wisdom with his staff, he has  
35 frequently shared the quote, "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 commend Bob Ewing for an exemplary career, congratulate him on turning pro, and wish  
38 him many years of health and happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate is authorized and directed  
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Bob Ewing.