

## House Resolution 875

By: Representatives Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup> and McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell for his service to the State of  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell joined the staff of the Institute of Government at  
4 the University of Georgia as a public service assistant in 1977; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his 30 year career with the Institute, now the Carl Vinson Institute  
6 of Government, he served in several positions, including director of the Environmental  
7 Policy Program, and received numerous commendations for his service; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell also served the University of Georgia on numerous committees and  
9 as a professor at the Odum School of Ecology, where he taught graduate classes and served  
10 on graduate committees for ten students and as the major professor for another 11 students;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, one of Dr. Kundell's most fulfilling roles was his service as science advisor to  
13 the Georgia General Assembly from 1977 to 2007, where he had the privilege of working  
14 with legislative leadership and members to address issues and challenges associated with air  
15 and water quality, water supply, solid and hazardous waste management, growth  
16 management, coastal zone management, and greenspace and land conservation; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell has assisted the Department of Natural Resources, the  
18 Environmental Protection Division, the Department of Community Affairs, the Association  
19 County Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia Municipal Association, and other agencies  
20 and organizations in this state in identifying environmental challenges and focusing on  
21 practical solutions; and

22 WHEREAS, he is recognized regionally and nationally as a preeminent authority on  
23 environmental policy issues, having been requested to work with the National Association

24 of Counties, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the U.S. Department of the  
25 Interior, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to study existing and emerging  
26 issues, and he has been appointed and served as chairman of the Chief of Engineers  
27 Environmental Advisory Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell, a native of the State of New York, received his Doctor of  
29 Philosophy in Environmental Science from the State University of New York, College of  
30 Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse University; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Kundell has been supported and encouraged throughout his career by his  
32 wife, Linda, and their two remarkable children, Daniel and Elizabeth.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell for his distinguished and  
35 dedicated service to the State of Georgia, recognize him for his many contributions to  
36 environmental protection and natural resources conservation, and extend their best wishes  
37 for an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James E. "Jim" Kundell.