

Senate Resolution 969

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Shafer of the 48th, Henson of the 41st and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Bill Thomas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Thomas has served as the director of the Georgia Legislative Internship
3 Program since 1986, which has provided countless college students with an invaluable
4 opportunity to participate in and experience the Georgia legislative process; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas retired from his position as director of the Georgia Legislative
6 Internship Program in 2008 and returned shortly thereafter to assist in the betterment and
7 success of the program; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to heading the Georgia Legislative Internship Program, he served in the
9 United States Navy, earned his Ph. D. from the University of Arizona, and joined the
10 political science department at Georgia State University in 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, as a result of his tireless work and dedication as a political science professor at
12 Georgia State University and as director of the esteemed Georgia Legislative Internship
13 Program, Dr. Thomas is widely regarded as an outstanding teacher and mentor; and

14 WHEREAS, through the internship program, hundreds of Georgia college and university
15 students have supported legislative members and committees, thereby gaining invaluable
16 insight into how government and policy-making operate in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, his leadership of the Georgia Legislative Internship Program has allowed for
18 the training of competent young individuals to assist Senators for nearly three decades,
19 thereby making his contributions to the Georgia General Assembly truly immense and
20 immeasurable; and

21 WHEREAS, we are saddened by his official retirement as director of the Georgia Legislative
22 Internship Program, but wish him, his lovely wife, Jeanie Thomas, and his family continued
23 health and happiness.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend Dr. Bill Thomas for his outstanding service as director of the Georgia Legislative
26 Internship Program and convey to him their respect, appreciation, and best wishes for his
27 retirement.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Bill Thomas.