

Senate Resolution 1173

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 4th, Mullis of the 53rd, Williams of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Senator Ronnie Chance for his decade of service in the Georgia Senate; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Ronnie Chance has faithfully and honorably served the citizens of the
4 16th Senate District for a decade, and is highly regarded for his impactful and diligent work
5 that has affected the lives of countless Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, during his decade of service in the Senate, he has tirelessly and effectively
7 represented Fayette, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, and Spalding counties; and

8 WHEREAS, recognized for his unparalleled leadership, Senator Ronnie Chance was
9 appointed by Governor Perdue in 2006 and Governor Nathan Deal in 2011 to serve as their
10 Administration Floor Leader whereby he served as the primary liaison between the
11 legislative and executive branches, making him the only person to hold the distinction of
12 serving in that capacity for two governors; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Chance has held prominent chairmanships during his time in the
14 Senate, including Government Oversight, Finance, and Economic Development committees;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, in 2013, he was overwhelmingly elected by the Senate Republican Caucus to
17 serve as the Senate Majority Leader, thereby ensuring that conservative ideals are furthered;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, prior to selflessly serving in the Senate, Senator Chance earned a Bachelor of
20 Business Administration degree from Georgia State University's Robinson College of
21 Business, founded an Atlanta based public relations firm focused on communications and
22 business development services, and advised countless Fortune 100 corporations and policy
23 leaders, including United States Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, United States Senator

24 Johnny Isakson, and United States Congressmen Mac Collins, Phil Gingrey, and Lynn
25 Westmoreland; and

26 WHEREAS, his leadership has been recognized by countless individuals and organizations
27 as he has been awarded numerous prestigious honors, including the Georgia Chamber of
28 Commerce's Legislator of the Year in 2009 and 2013, the Champion of Economic
29 Development Award by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in 2009, Legislator of the
30 Year by the Southeastern Legal Foundation in 2010, Friend of Business Award by the
31 Regional Business Coalition in 2010, the Environmental Leadership Award by the Georgia
32 Conservation Voters in 2011, the Legislative Service Award by the Association County
33 Commissioners of Georgia in 2011, and Legislator of the Year Award by Georgia Bio in
34 2013; and

35 WHEREAS, Senator Chance has been an integral member of the prestigious Gridiron Secret
36 Society, which recognizes the most affluent public servants and business leaders in the great
37 State of Georgia; and

38 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
39 his endeavors, and whose primary concern is the welfare of the citizens of the 16th Senate
40 District; his unparalleled work ethic epitomizes perfectly the ideal and true spirit of public
41 service as expressed fully in the words, Sic vos non vobis; and

42 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state will endure an immense void upon his retirement from
43 the Georgia General Assembly and wish him and his beautiful wife, Cressida, and three
44 daughters, Ellia, Eva and Isabella, continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
46 express immense gratitude for and commend Senator Ronnie Chance for his decade of
47 effective, efficient, selfless, and dedicated service that he has rendered on behalf of Georgia;
48 congratulate him upon his well-deserved retirement; and extend to him their utmost
49 appreciation for his having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of a true public
50 servant having faithfully performed the duty that lies nearest.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
52 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senator Ronnie Chance.