

Senate Resolution 1193

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Garvis L. Sams, Jr. and recognizing him for outstanding service as a member
2 of the State Bar of Georgia and as a leading citizen in his community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Garvis L. Sams, Jr. has been an esteemed and valued member of the legal and
4 business community in Cobb County, Georgia, for decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Garvis L. Sams, Jr. was born on September 9, 1952, in Atlanta, Georgia, and
6 became a lifetime resident of Marietta, attending Marietta High School before graduating
7 from the University of Georgia in 1975; and

8 WHEREAS, following the exemplary professional example set by his father, Garvis L. Sams,
9 Sr., Mr. Sams graduated from law school in 1978 and joined his father's firm which is now
10 known as Sams, Larkin, Huff & Balli, LLP; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Sams has practiced law in Marietta from 1979 to present, including serving
12 as the Cobb County Attorney from 1979 to 1987, and is one of the preeminent zoning and
13 land development attorneys in the metro Atlanta area; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Sams, having obtained governmental approval for commercial and
15 residential developments which have provided tens of millions of dollars to the surrounding
16 area economy, created upscale neighborhoods for area residents and improved the overall
17 quality of life in the community; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout his more than thirty-year legal career, Mr. Sams has been a speaker
19 at numerous courses teaching zoning and land use by the Institute of Continuing Legal
20 Education, a Supreme Court of Georgia mentor, named a Georgia Legal Leader by *James*
21 magazine, honored as one of Georgia's best lawyers by the *Daily Report*, and recognized by
22 *Super Lawyers* magazine as a super lawyer in the field of land use and zoning; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Sams has also been an active and valued leader in the Cobb County
24 business community, being a member and President of the Marietta Kiwanis Club where he
25 was awarded the Legion of Honor, a graduate of Leadership Cobb, a member of the
26 Honorary Commanders Association, Chairman of the Kennesaw Wellstar Regional Hospice,
27 a member of the Red Cross Advisory Board, and a member of the Council for Quality
28 Growth.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend and recognize Garvis L. Sams, Jr. for his more than thirty years of legal excellence
31 and service to his clients and his community.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Garvis L. Sams, Jr.