

Senate Resolution 1237

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th, Tolleson of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Senator Tim Golden for his decades of service in the Georgia General
2 Assembly; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Tim Golden has faithfully and honorably served the citizens of the 8th
4 Senate District since 1998, and is highly regarded for his impactful and diligent work that has
5 affected the lives of countless Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, during his service in the Senate, he has tirelessly and effectively represented
7 Cook, Echols, Lanier, and Lowndes counties and portions of Thomas County and is the
8 current chairman of the esteemed Insurance and Labor Committee, the vice-chair of the
9 influential Finance Committee, and secretary of the vital Appropriations Committee;

10 WHEREAS, known for his diligence and deep desire for the betterment of the state, Senator
11 Golden has led the charge on critical issues such as providing insurance coverage for autism,
12 the "Made in Georgia" initiative which promoted the sale of products manufactured in this
13 state, the "Drugs Don't Work" initiative which authorized employers to conduct
14 pre-employment testing for substance abuse, and the tax check-off system which raised
15 awareness for the Georgia National Guard Family Foundation fund to support the families
16 of Georgia troops; and

17 WHEREAS, during his eight years in the Georgia House of Representatives, he championed
18 several initiatives; most notably he worked tirelessly to make Valdosta State University a
19 "regional university" by securing over \$75 million in construction projects for the university
20 and he secured \$35 million in bond projects for Southwest Georgia Technical College in
21 Thomasville and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College; and

22 WHEREAS, prior to serving selflessly in the Georgia General Assembly, Senator Golden
23 earned a bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University whereby he served in several
24 capacities including as an aide to former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, as a long-time aide for

25 former U.S. Congressman Charles Hatcher, and as the staff director for the U.S. Small
26 Business Subcommittee on Energy and Agriculture in Washington, D.C.; and

27 WHEREAS, his leadership has been recognized by countless organizations as he has been
28 awarded numerous prestigious honors including *Georgia Trend's* "100 Most Influential
29 Georgians" in 2009, 2010, and 2014; "Legislative Leadership Award" from the Georgia
30 Hospital Association in 2000 and 2006; "Champion of Family Medicine" by the Georgia
31 Academy of Family Physicians in 2006; "Legislator of the Year" by the Georgia Chamber
32 of Commerce in 2007 and 2012; "Lifetime Achievement" award from the Georgia Chamber
33 of Commerce; and "Champion of Industry" from the Georgia Industry Association; and

34 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
35 his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare of the citizens of the 8th Senate
36 District, and his unparalleled work ethic epitomizes perfectly the ideal and true spirit of
37 public service; and

38 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state will endure an immense void upon his retirement from
39 the Georgia General Assembly and wish him and his beautiful wife, Ellen, and his son, Seth,
40 continued health and prosperity.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 commend Senator Tim Golden for his decades of effective, efficient, selfless, and dedicated
43 service that he has rendered on behalf of Georgia; congratulate him upon his well-deserved
44 retirement; and extend to him their utmost gratitude and appreciation for his having so purely
45 and truly defined for others the meaning of a true public servant.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Senator Tim Golden.