

House Resolution 1899

By: Representatives Willard of the 51st, Ralston of the 7th, Fleming of the 121st, Lindsey of the 54th, Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Charles L. Ruffin for his outstanding leadership of the State Bar of Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Charles L. Ruffin has served as the State Bar of Georgia President for the
4 2013-2014 term; and

5 WHEREAS, under his leadership the State Bar of Georgia has been very successful and
6 implemented many initiatives to better serve the people and lawyers of this state; and

7 WHEREAS, the State Bar of Georgia, with offices in Atlanta, Savannah, and Tifton, was
8 established in 1964 by Georgia's Supreme Court as the successor to the voluntary Georgia
9 Bar Association, founded in 1884; its more than 45,000 members work together to strengthen
10 the constitutional promise of justice for all, promote principles of duty and public service
11 among Georgia's lawyers, and administer a strict code of legal ethics; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles L. Ruffin is a shareholder in the Atlanta and Macon offices of Baker,
13 Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.; he currently concentrates his practice in
14 eminent domain and condemnation law, representing landowners and business operators of
15 all sizes in eminent domain, condemnation, and inverse condemnation matters; and

16 WHEREAS, he maintains an active role in national and state eminent domain matters,
17 serving as a board member and as the Georgia representative in the national organization
18 Owners Counsel of America and as the founding chairman of the Eminent Domain Section
19 of the State Bar of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, in recognition of his achievements in his chosen specialty, Ruffin has been
21 selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America® in Eminent Domain and Condemnation
22 Law since 2007; in addition, Baker Donelson's Atlanta eminent domain and condemnation

23 law practice, which is led by Ruffin, is ranked Tier 1 by the U.S. News/Best Lawyers ranking
24 of practices in the United States; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Auburn University and Emory University School of Law.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body congratulate Charles L. Ruffin on the successful completion of his
28 term as the President of the State Bar of Georgia and wish him continued success as he
29 returns to his practice of law.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Charles L. Ruffin.