

Senate Resolution 30

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, McKoon of the 29th and Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kessel Stelling on being honored with the Leadership Character Award; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Kessel Stelling received his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia
4 in 1978, his master's degree from Louisiana State University in 1988, and his honorary
5 doctorate from the University of South Carolina in 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Kessel Stelling began his banking career with Synovus in March, 2006, when
7 the company purchased Riverside Bancshares, Inc., and merged with Bank of North Georgia;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he was promoted to Synovus Regional CEO for the Atlanta market in June,
10 2008, and in February, 2010, he was named Synovus President and Chief Operating Officer
11 before being named President and Chief Executive Officer in October, 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, Kessel Stelling was named Chairman of the Board of Synovus in December,
13 2011, and is also affiliated with the Georgia Board of Regents for the University System of
14 Georgia, the University of Georgia Terry College of Business, the Georgia Chamber of
15 Commerce, and the Financial Services Roundtable; and

16 WHEREAS, he was honored with the Blue Key Service Award in 2013, was named to
17 *Georgia Trend Magazine* "100 Most Influential Georgians" list every year since 2009, and
18 won the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Georgia Terry College of
19 Business in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, he was recently honored with the prestigious Leadership Character Award from
21 the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership and the Turknett Leadership Group
22 for steering Synovus back from the brink of financial calamity during the Great Recession
23 to the point where it has been making profits for the past year.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend and congratulate Kessel Stelling on being honored with the Leadership Character
26 Award.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Kessel Stelling.