

House Resolution 563

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Roberts of the 155th, Watson of the 172nd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Houston of the 170th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Joe W. Sheffield, P.E., on his outstanding public service;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Joe W. Sheffield, P.E., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and for his deep personal commitment to
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Civil
10 Engineering and started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1983 as
11 a transportation engineer associate; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield spent time in all the key functional areas of the department during
13 his two-year training program before moving into the role of project engineer and overseeing
14 the reconstruction of Interstate 75 through Tifton; and

15 WHEREAS, he moved into the position of assistant area engineer and then area engineer
16 with responsibility for maintenance and construction efforts in the field; and

17 WHEREAS, he was then promoted to the district office as the design engineer,
18 preconstruction engineer, and, most recently, district engineer; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield managed all operations in District Four, which covered 32
20 counties in South Georgia, 646 employees, a \$40 million annual operating budget, 1,000
21 bridges, 3,685 centerline miles, and over 100 miles on Interstate 75; and

22 WHEREAS, his 32 years with the Department of Transportation provided an opportunity for
23 him to impact the quality of life for citizens in South Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Mr. Joe W. Sheffield, P.E., for his efficient, effective,
28 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; and extend to him their most
29 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
32 Joe W. Sheffield, P.E.