

Senate Resolution 598

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Hill of the 4th, Mullis of the 53rd, Harbison of the 15th, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alan Essig for his many years of service to the State of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alan Essig has a long history of service to the State of Georgia in both the
4 public and private sectors; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Essig came to Georgia after working as a legislative budget analyst for the
6 New York State Finance Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Essig worked as a Senior Research Associate with the Fiscal Research
8 Center of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University; and

9 WHEREAS, he has served the State of Georgia in positions of responsibility and authority
10 in both the executive and legislative branches for many years, serving as Deputy Policy
11 Director for the Georgia Governor's Office, Committee Aide for both the Georgia State
12 Senate and the Georgia House of Representatives Appropriations Committees, Assistant
13 Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Director of the Georgia
14 State Senate Research Office, and Deputy Director of the Budgetary Responsibility
15 Oversight Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Essig holds a bachelor's degree in history from the State University of New
17 York at Buffalo and a master's degree in public administration from the State University of
18 New York at Albany; and

19 WHEREAS, *Georgia Trend* magazine named Mr. Essig one of the 100 Most Influential
20 Georgians in 2011, 2012, and 2013; and

21 WHEREAS, he has been quoted as an authority on fiscal matters in many state and national
22 publications, including the *New York Times*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Savannah*
23 *Morning News*, *Albany Herald*, and *NPR Weekend Edition*; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Essig served in the nonprofit world as the founding Executive Director of
25 the Georgia Budget Policy Institute from 2004-2015, during which time he built that
26 organization into a responsible and credible source of research and analysis on a range of
27 budgetary and fiscal matters important to the people of this state; and

28 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Georgia Budget Policy Institute has become an
29 important source of information to the public, to advocates, to legislators, and to elected
30 officials in state government in Georgia.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend Alan Essig on his distinguished career; on his effective, unselfish, and dedicated
33 public service to the State of Georgia; for his work over the past 11 years as the founding
34 Executive Director of the Georgia Budget Policy Institute; and for his tireless dedication to
35 improving the lives of the people of the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Alan Essig.