

Senate Resolution 900

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Stone of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gary Drake on the grand occasion of his retirement from
2 Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Drake has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 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 Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation
9 (EMC); and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Drake has served as the president and CEO of Excelsior EMC, in Metter,
11 Georgia, for more than 30 years; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
13 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans as a 1st Lieutenant;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, highly involved in his community, he is a current member of the Metter Rotary
16 Club, the Candler County Young Farmers, and the Metter/Candler County Chamber of
17 Commerce; serves as the director of Georgia EMC; and previously served as director of
18 many organizations, including the Oglethorpe Power Corporation and the Southeastern Data
19 Cooperative, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Drake is an active member of Metter First
21 Baptist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Fay, and is blessed with two remarkable
23 children, Judd and Davis, and four wonderful grandchildren, Abby, Austin, Maddox, and
24 Kaylin; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in recognizing and commending Mr. Gary Drake on the grand occasion of his retirement
29 from Excelsior EMC.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Gary Drake.