

House Resolution 1557

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Mr. Brian Finnicum on the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, he has served *The News Observer* and its readers for almost 18 years, and he  
7 has worked diligently to uphold the mission and values of the newspaper; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Finnicum has been dedicated to truthful, honest reporting, which involves  
9 getting both sides of the story and asking hard questions in uncomfortable situations; and

10 WHEREAS, he signed on as a staff writer in May, 1998, and he was named assistant editor  
11 in May, 2000, and editor in December, 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Finnicum's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
13 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the  
14 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
15 associates; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction as a member of *The News Observer*  
17 team, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of  
18 his retirement; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize Mr. Brian Finnicum for his efficient, effective, unselfish,  
23 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand  
24 occasion of his retirement, and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued  
25 health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
28 Brian Finnicum.