

Senate Resolution 1094

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Patricia Puckett on the occasion of her retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Puckett has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her 40 years of service to people with disabilities and 20 years as the
9 Executive Director for the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Puckett's influence is both local and national in scope, and she is the 2002
11 recipient of the National Council on Independent Living's Advocate of the Year for the eight
12 southeastern states; and

13 WHEREAS, nationally, she served as the Secretary of the National Council on Independent
14 Living (NCIL) and presently serves as the Region IV representative for the eight
15 southeastern states on the NCIL board; and

16 WHEREAS, her numerous other awards and recognition include the 2003 Leadership
17 DeKalb Outstanding Member Award, 2003 White Cane Appreciation from the Atlanta
18 Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, 2008 Outstanding Self-Advocate Award
19 from the Unlock the Waiting Lists! Coalition, recognition in 2008 for her board service to
20 the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, 2014 Visionary Leader Award
21 from the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, and 2014 Pillar of the Community Award from
22 Metro Atlanta Fair Housing; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Puckett has served with honor and distinction with the Statewide
24 Independent Living Council of Georgia, and her vision and unyielding commitment set the
25 standard for public service and will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Ms. Patricia Puckett for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
30 service to the State of Georgia, congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement,
31 and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Patricia
34 Puckett.