

Senate Resolution 1248

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Martin of the 9th, Jones of the 25th and Harbin of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gould B. Hagler, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gould B. Hagler, Jr., has worked in the field of association management
4 and legislative affairs since 1976, holding various positions with the Georgia General
5 Assembly, the Council of State Governments, and the Medical Association of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been the lobbyist for the Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia since
7 1987, a trade association of independent agencies headquartered in Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hagler, a native of Augusta, holds a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest
9 University and a master's degree from Georgia State University, and he has been a licensed
10 property and casualty insurance agent in Georgia since 1996 and an accredited adviser in
11 insurance since 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1995 to 2010, Mr. Hagler was the CEO and executive director of the
13 Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia, as well as director of its governmental affairs
14 program; and

15 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the association received top national awards from the
16 Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, including the Maurice Herndon
17 award for the best governmental affairs program in 2001 and 2008, and recognition as the
18 1998 Outstanding State Association of the Year; and for three consecutive years, 2008
19 through 2010, Mr. Hagler was named among Georgia's top lobbyists by *James Magazine*;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, he is involved with multiple professional organizations, including the Advisory
22 Council for the State Board of Workers' Compensation, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce

23 Governmental Affairs Council, and various committees of the Independent Insurance Agents
24 and Brokers of America; and

25 WHEREAS, he is past president of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table and past commander
26 of the John B. Gordon Camp No. 46 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and his book,
27 *Georgia's Confederate Monuments: In Honor of a Fallen Nation*, was published by Mercer
28 University Press in 2014; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Mr. Gould B. Hagler, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement and
33 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Gould B.
36 Hagler, Jr.