

Senate Resolution 168

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Irene Cheyne on her outstanding public service; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Irene Cheyne has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of
5 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 superlative service with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
9 and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD); and

10 WHEREAS, Irene has served as chair for the DBHDD Region 6 Advisory Council for the
11 past two years and has served on the Statewide Leadership Council for the department as
12 well; and

13 WHEREAS, Irene successfully organized a coalition of five different counties into the
14 Chattahoochee Valley Study Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorder, and her most recent
15 efforts include organizing the Progressive Community Coalition, an inclusive, positive, and
16 patriotic citizen advocacy organization in Fayette and surrounding counties; and

17 WHEREAS, Irene's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
18 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
19 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

20 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
21 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

22 WHEREAS, Irene has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia Department of
23 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and her vision and unyielding
24 commitment to advocating for those with disabilities have set the standard for public service;
25 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 recognize and commend Irene Cheyne for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
30 public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
31 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 Irene Cheyne.