

House Resolution 211

By: Representatives England of the 116th, Ralston of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Meadows of the 5th, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending House Budget and Research Office Director, Martha Wigton,
2 for her unyielding service to the Georgia General Assembly along with her boundless
3 leadership, budgeting, and advisory skills; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Martha Wigton has served in the Georgia House of Representatives Budget and
5 Research Office since 2003, combined with 12 years of prior service in the Senate Research
6 Office and Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and her expertise has been vital to drafting an
7 effective, comprehensive, and economical budget for Georgians annually; and

8 WHEREAS, under her directorship, the House Budget and Research Office has provided
9 thorough, nonpartisan, and analytical research for 180 members of the Georgia House of
10 Representatives and 38 standing committees, including but not limited to drafting the
11 appropriations bill and handling historical data on expenditures and revenue; and

12 WHEREAS, she was named a 2016 Henry Toll Fellow from the Council of State
13 Governments, alongside 48 legislators and state employees from across the country, which
14 recognizes public servants for their leadership development and participation in a highly
15 selective as well as intensive program geared toward fostering personal growth; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures lauded Martha through their
17 National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices for guidance and assistance in policy,
18 budget, and extensive advisement to the Georgia General Assembly with the 2016 NCSL
19 Legislative Staff Achievement Award, which it presents annually to staff who support and
20 strengthen the work of their respective legislative institution as Martha has done; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures stipulates meeting and surpassing
22 various criteria for their honorees such as helping improve the efficiency of the legislature;
23 supporting the legislative process; exhibiting utmost professionalism, competence, and

24 integrity; contributing to the goal of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and
25 demonstrating knowledge in a particular field; and

26 WHEREAS, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office Director, Melody DeBussey,
27 nominated Martha, allowing her to be praised for her work, and likewise, the House budget
28 members, along with her peers, depend on and recognize Martha for seamlessly facilitating
29 the budget process.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Martha Wigton, Director of the House
32 Budget and Research Office, for her outstanding contribution to the Georgia General
33 Assembly.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Martha Wigton.