

Senate Resolution 201

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Bill Simonds for his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bill Simonds has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital  
3 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
4 citizens of Fannin County; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
7 dramatically by his superlative service with the Fannin County Board of Commissioners; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill was elected as Chairman of the Fannin County Board of Commissioners  
9 in 2008 and took office on January 1, 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, he brought over 35 years of experience, having worked with some of the finest  
11 companies around the country as an industrial and commercial construction General  
12 Superintendent, making him exceedingly qualified to understand the business world and  
13 appropriately support new industries seeking to bring jobs to Fannin County; and

14 WHEREAS, during his time as commissioner, Bill worked with state and local governments,  
15 large company owners, and CEOs, managing hundreds of individuals on construction crews  
16 and building projects, including the 1996 Olympic Stadium, and was trusted to make sound  
17 financial decisions for the county; and

18 WHEREAS, he has proven to be incredibly resourceful by decreasing county spending while  
19 increasing revenues by 28.9 percent, all while still providing the citizens of Fannin County  
20 with excellent services such as new emergency equipment, vehicles, and personnel; and

21 WHEREAS, Bill has worked diligently over the years to ensure a transparent government  
22 and benefit the taxpayers; and

23 WHEREAS, Bill's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable frugality  
24 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
25 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, associates, and  
26 constituents; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

29 WHEREAS, Bill has served with honor and distinction with the Fannin County Board of  
30 Commissioners and his vision and unyielding commitment to public service will be sorely  
31 missed; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 honor Bill Simonds for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the  
36 State of Georgia and Fannin County and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued  
37 health, happiness, and success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bill Simonds.