

Senate Resolution 273

By: Senators Harper of the 7th and Kirk of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable John C. Pridgen on the occasion of his
2 retirement and congratulating him on his appointment as Senior Judge of the Superior Courts
3 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Honorable John C. Pridgen has long been recognized by the citizens of this
5 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
6 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
9 dramatically by his superlative service as Superior Court Judge of the Cordele Judicial
10 Circuit; and

11 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, Judge Pridgen began
12 practicing law with the firm of Davis, Pridgen & Jones in 1976 and was elected as district
13 attorney for the Cordele Judicial Circuit ten years later in 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1999, he was appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor Roy
15 Barnes, where he served faithfully until being appointed as Senior Judge of the Superior
16 Courts of Georgia by Governor Nathan Deal on January 3, 2017;

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Judge Pridgen has served with honor and distinction with the Cordele Judicial
24 Circuit, and his vision and unyielding commitment to justice will be wonderful additions to
25 the Superior Courts of Georgia; 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 the Honorable John C. Pridgen for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
30 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand
31 occasion of his retirement and his appointment to the Superior Courts of Georgia; and extend
32 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Honorable
35 John C. Pridgen.