

House Resolution 433

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 119th, Pirkle of the 155th, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Garland Thompson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Garland Thompson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Garland is an outstanding, godly, and dedicated citizen of Georgia, evidenced
6 by his devoting innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of
7 his community and keeping Christ at the center of his home and family; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has played a direct role in the economic development of the City of Douglas
9 and Coffee County, resulting in thousands of new jobs for his community; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he helped relocate many businesses to the Douglas and Coffee areas, including
11 several Fortune 500 companies; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Garland's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
13 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
14 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
15 associates; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Soperton High School, received his associate's degree from
17 Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, his bachelor's degree from the University of
18 Georgia, attended the Louisiana State University School of Banking, and the University of
19 Georgia School of Banking; and
- 20 WHEREAS, from 1957-1970, Garland was employed as a County Office Manager with
21 ASCS and from 1970-1993, Garland worked as a Senior Vice President at Trust Company
22 Bank of Coffee County; and

23 WHEREAS, he currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Sun Trust Bank;
24 the senior consultant of the United States 441 Economic Development Council; the Chairman
25 of the Georgia State Soil and Water Conservation Committee; a member of the Coffee
26 County Young Farmers Organization; Vice President of the Coffee County Kidney
27 Foundation; a member of the Douglas Rotary Club; the director of Sunbelt Expo-Moultrie;
28 the Vice President and Supervisor of Altamaha Soil and Water Conservation District; and
29 President of ABAC Golden Alumni; and

30 WHEREAS, formerly, he has served as President of the Douglas-Coffee County Industrial
31 Authority; an executive committee member of the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of
32 Commerce; State Representative for the American Bankers Agriculture Committee; State
33 Representative for the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Training at the
34 University of Georgia; State Representative for the General Telephone Advisory Committee;
35 Chairman of the Georgia Bankers Agricultural Committee; President of the Georgia
36 Agribusiness Council; President of the Georgia Extension Service Lay Leader; President of
37 Vo-Ag Advisory Council; President of the Southeast Georgia Area Planning and
38 Development Committee; President of the Douglas Lions Club, President of the University
39 of Georgia Agriculture Alumni; President of ABAC Alumni; Master of the Douglas F&AM
40 Lodge #386; Commander of the American Legion Post #18; a member of the Coffee County
41 Farm Bureau; a member of the American Red Cross County Board; Director of the
42 Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia; Interim President of the Douglas Chamber of
43 Commerce and EDA; and a member of National Users Advisory Board; and

44 WHEREAS, Garland has been recognized for his outstanding contributions with numerous
45 awards, including the Humanitarian Award from the East Central Technical College
46 Foundation; the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame award; the Governor's GIDA Volunteer
47 of the Year award; the Honorary American Farmer award from the Future Farmers of
48 America; the AGHON from the University of Georgia; the Pilot Club Man of the Year in
49 Agriculture award; the Pilot Club Man of the Year in Industry award; the Progressive Farmer
50 Man of the Year in Agriculture award; the ABAC Distinguished Alumnus; the USDA
51 Certificate of Merit; the GACAA Friend of the County Agent award; an Honorary
52 Membership from the Georgia Young Farmers Association; the Appreciation Award from
53 the University of Georgia Agriculture Alumni; the Appreciation Award from Ben Hill-Irwin
54 Tech; the GACDS Man of the Year award from Soil and Water Conservation; the Southeast
55 Georgia APDC Liston Elkins Award; the Professional of the Year award from Farm-City
56 Week; the University of Georgia Advisory Board Gold Kist "Good Egg" Award; a
57 Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce Honorary Membership; the Kiwanis "Davis"

58 Award; the GACDS Hall of Fame award; the Daughters of the American Revolution Award;
59 the Volunteer of the Year Award from the City of Douglas and Coffee County; the NACD
60 SE Region Hall of Fame award; and the Kiwanis Community Service award; and

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

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

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
66 the members of this body recognize and commend Garland Thompson for his efficient,
67 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most
68 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
70 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
71 Garland Thompson.