

## Senate Resolution 551

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th and Henson of the 41st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Fred "Young Fred" Kitchens on the occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fred Kitchens has devoted his life's career to the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers  
4 of Georgia, previously known as the Georgia Distilled Spirits Institute, for 44 years and has  
5 served as the association's executive director for the past 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2017 Legislative Session marks Fred's 42nd consecutive session as a  
7 legislative engineer, i.e., lobbyist; his tenure has spanned the administrations of Governors  
8 Carter, Busbee, Harris, Miller, Barnes, Perdue, and Deal; and

9 WHEREAS, the wine and spirits industry of Georgia is crucial to the state's economy,  
10 tourism, and hospitality and Fred's legislative achievements on the local, state, and federal  
11 levels have shaped Georgia's healthy and growing alcohol marketplace; and

12 WHEREAS, Fred has also served as a member of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of  
13 America's Advisory Council since 1985 and led the Council as chairman from 1998 through  
14 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, Fred has been a tireless advocate for the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of  
16 Georgia's Scholarship Foundation, which has delivered nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships  
17 to students attending Georgia colleges; and

18 WHEREAS, Fred Kitchens graduated from the University of Georgia as a "Double Dawg,"  
19 with an undergraduate degree in journalism and a juris doctor degree thereafter, and he is a  
20 lifetime supporter of the Bulldogs and proud member of the Gridiron Society, "sic vos non  
21 vobis"; and

22 WHEREAS, he proudly served in the United States Army as a commissioned officer in the  
23 Judge Advocate General's Corps in Texas and later in Korea; and as a member of the State  
24 Bar he was admitted to practice before the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the  
25 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and the U.S. Court of Military  
26 Appeals; and

27 WHEREAS, a native of Rockmart, Fred and his wife of 48 years, Ginny, reside in Putnam  
28 County, have two children and four grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, the owners and employers spanning multiple generations of Georgia's family  
30 operated independent wholesalers wish to commend Fred for his lifetime of service to the  
31 industry and the state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 do hereby commend Fred Kitchens for his years of service to his country, state, and  
34 community and congratulate him on the grand occasion of his retirement.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fred "Young  
37 Fred" Kitchens.