

Senate Resolution 730

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rafael C. Nail for his dedicated and meritorious public
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rafael C. Nail, Assistant Executive Director and Planning Director, retired on
4 January 5, 2018, after 41 years of outstanding and meritorious service to the Heart of Georgia
5 Altamaha region; and

6 WHEREAS, Rafael began his career in September, 1976, as a planner with the Altamaha
7 Georgia Southern Area Planning and Development Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrable ability, Rafael advanced to
9 positions of increasing responsibility with both the Altamaha Georgia Southern Area
10 Planning and Development Commission and its successor agency, the Altamaha Georgia
11 Southern Regional Development Center (RDC), culminating in his appointment as Interim
12 Executive Director and Receiver of the Altamaha Georgia Southern RDC in 1996; and

13 WHEREAS, upon the merger of the Altamaha Georgia Southern and Heart of Georgia RDCs
14 in July, 1996, to form the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, Rafael
15 was appointed Assistant Executive Director and Planning Director of the new agency; and

16 WHEREAS, Rafael, having principally authored more than 40 Joint County Comprehensive
17 Plans, has served the region faithfully and well throughout his long service in a conscientious
18 and responsible manner with integrity, fairness, deep dedication, and an everlasting desire
19 to better his native region; and

20 WHEREAS, Rafael was recognized as 1992 Planner of the Year by the Georgia Planning
21 Association for his Most Outstanding Contribution to Planning in Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Rafael's instrumental role in the approval of the 2010 Transportation Investment
23 Act, his successful effort to establish a jobs training program for the region, and his many
24 years of service have reflected the absolute best of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha region;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Rafael's many accomplishments will have lasting benefits for the Heart of
27 Georgia Altamaha region and its local governments and people; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding dedication, continuing
29 loyalty, and extraordinary service of this exemplary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Rafael C. Nail for his dedicated and meritorious public service,
32 offer congratulations on his retirement, and wish Rafael and his family a rewarding
33 retirement, continued success, much happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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