

House Resolution 1310

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, and Boddie of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Tax Commissioner Gregory Baker for his outstanding public service; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Douglas County Commissioner Gregory Baker was the first African American
4 elected to the post of Tax Commissioner of Douglas County in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Tax Commissioner Baker has demonstrated excellence in the administration
6 and governance of Douglas County, as evidenced by the county's balanced budget as well
7 as an affected 94 percent collection rate for back taxes since the beginning of his
8 administration; and

9 WHEREAS, his administration instituted an intensive collection process, as well as
10 convenience tag locations for the county's citizens, which has placed Douglas County in a
11 sound financial position; and

12 WHEREAS, Tax Commissioner Baker has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
13 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
14 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
16 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
17 dramatically by his superlative service; and

18 WHEREAS, Tax Commissioner Baker's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
19 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his understanding of the
20 needs of the citizens of his county and the State of Georgia have earned him the respect and
21 admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Tax Commissioner Baker has served the State of Georgia with honor and
25 distinction, and his vision and unyielding commitment to excellence have set the standard
26 for public service; and

27 WHEREAS, a successful businessman and family man, he has been united in love and
28 marriage to his wife, Elizabeth, for 37 years, and they have been blessed with two wonderful
29 daughters, Dr. Ebony Baker and Nicole Baker Fischer; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body honor Tax Commissioner Gregory Baker for his efficient,
34 effective, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Tax
37 Commissioner Gregory Baker.