

House Resolution 1562

By: Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Beskin of the 54th, and Willard of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Emory A. Schwall for his many years of esteemed and
2 outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia in the field of law and in charitable service;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Emory A. Schwall, a native Georgian, was born on April 11, 1928, in Moultrie,
5 Georgia, and attended the Georgia Institute of Technology, Woodrow Wilson Law School,
6 and Emory Law School before being admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1950 at the age
7 of 21; and

8 WHEREAS, he has practiced law in Atlanta for 68 years and during such time he has served
9 in various capacities, including Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia
10 representing the Insurance Commissioner; a certified estate planner and mediator; a member
11 of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council, the Atlanta Bar Association, the Georgia Bar
12 Association, and the American Bar Association; and a member of the Emory Law School
13 Council at the time it was established and now an inactive member of such council; and

14 WHEREAS, Emory A. Schwall has been actively involved in the Shepherd Center since its
15 beginning in 1947, having served on the original board of the Shepherd Center Foundation
16 and as vice president and director of Shepherd Center, Inc., from 1987 until 2017, when he
17 elected to take emeritus status in order to make room for younger members, spending
18 countless hours assisting the center in obtaining numerous grants and bequests over the
19 years; and

20 WHEREAS, he has been a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church since 1956, for which he
21 has served as chairperson of the finance committee and as a deacon and now as an elder; and

22 WHEREAS, this founding member and past president of Cherokee Town & Country Club
23 has been active in numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the American Heart
24 Association and the Arthritis Foundation; and

25 WHEREAS, Emory A. Schwall has served in various advisory capacities for Piedmont
26 Hospital, including as a member of Friends of Piedmont Hospital and the Piedmont Hospital
27 Foundation Gift Planning Council, and he is currently assisting Piedmont Hospital
28 Foundation with obtaining prospective donors; and

29 WHEREAS, he succeeded his late wife, Peggy McCready Schwall, as a member of the
30 Board of Atlanta Medical Heritage, which owned the Academy of Medicine building, a
31 designated historical landmark, and facilitated the donation of the Academy of Medicine
32 building to the Georgia Tech Foundation in order to assure funds for restoration and
33 preservation of the building; and

34 WHEREAS, in addition, he has served on the Board of Trustees of Georgia Women of
35 Achievement, as a member of the Board of Governors of 11Alive Community Service
36 Awards, and as a member of the Advisory Board of Presbyterian Homes for which he
37 assisted in raising funds for construction of Presbyterian Village located in Austell, Georgia;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, this father and grandfather received the Greater Good Award from the Georgia
40 Planned Giving Council in 2009 for his outstanding role in increasing the quantity and
41 quality of planned gifts to charities in Georgia; and

42 WHEREAS, this great Georgian has made an everlasting positive impact on the legal
43 profession and charitable organizations in this state that will continue to benefit the citizens
44 of Georgia for generations to come, and it is most fitting and proper for this body to
45 recognize Emory A. Schwall's superlative achievements.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
47 the members of this body join in recognizing and honoring Emory A. Schwall for his many
48 years of esteemed and outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia in the field of law
49 and in charitable service.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
51 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
52 Emory A. Schwall.