

House Resolution 1684

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, LaHood of the 175th, Watson of the 172nd, and Powell of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rick Ivey on the occasion of his retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rick Ivey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role
4 that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with Archbold Medical Center, where he served as
9 vice president for Public Affairs, representing Archbold and its interests with elected officials
10 in Atlanta and in Washington, D.C.; and

11 WHEREAS, Rick began his career in public relations with Archbold in 1989 and soon began
12 building an increasingly active government relations program for the medical center, serving
13 as director of Marketing and Public Relations before advancing to the role of vice president
14 in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, Rick has served on the American Hospital Association's Government Relations
16 Officers Network, GHA's Government Relations Council, the Legislative Task Force of the
17 Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, and as a member of the Board of Directors and
18 the Government Affairs Council for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and

19 WHEREAS, before his career with Archbold, Rick was a reporter and photographer for the
20 *Thomasville Times Enterprise* and also worked as a district aide for the office of
21 Congressman Charles Hatcher; and

22 WHEREAS, Rick has been actively involved in his community as deacon, elder, and clerk
23 of session for the First Presbyterian Church, and in numerous education, youth arts,
24 performing arts, world missions, and historic preservation-centered community service
25 organizations; and his vision and unyielding commitment to the health and well-being of his
26 community will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

27 WHEREAS, Rick's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
28 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
29 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

30 WHEREAS, despite his many accomplishments, Rick most appreciates his marriage to his
31 wife, "Boo," and their children, Sterling and Brantley; and

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

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Rick Ivey for his efficient, effective,
38 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
39 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
40 health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Rick Ivey.