

Senate Resolution 280

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Joe Handy; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Joe Handy is Georgia Aquarium's president and chief operating officer and has
3 more than 20 years of experience leading cultural institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe joined the aquarium's founding team as director of visitor services in 2005,
5 and has served as vice president of guest experience, senior vice president, and, most
6 recently, executive vice president and chief operating officer; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe is an active member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Business
8 Operations Committee, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of
9 Commerce, and 100 Black Men of North Metro Atlanta; he serves on the advisory boards of
10 Kennesaw State University Business School, Central Atlanta Progress, and the Morehouse
11 College Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success Advisory Council; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a key voice on the Baker Street Advisory Board and participates in the
13 Atlanta Friendship Initiative; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe was born and raised in New York, where he graduated with honors from
15 The College of New Rochelle with a liberal arts degree; later, he earned his EMBA from
16 Kennesaw State University; and

17 WHEREAS, while in New York, Joe spent nine years at the American Museum of Natural
18 History in New York City, where he helped launch the Rose Center for Earth and Space; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Joe Handy.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Joe Handy.