

## House Resolution 420

By: Representatives McLaurin of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Fleming of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Wendell Willard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a resident of North Fulton since 1986, Wendell Willard has long been  
3 recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and  
4 his deep personal commitment to his community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he is the bearer of a family legacy of public service that dates back to his  
6 grandfather's service in the Alabama State Legislature and continued with his father's service  
7 with the United States Department of State; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a practicing attorney for half a century, Wendell is an expert in the areas of  
9 business law, local government law, and commercial real estate law; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was recognized for his significant contributions to the legal profession with  
11 the State Bar of Georgia's 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Wendell was instrumental to the founding of his very own municipal home,  
13 Sandy Springs, a city recognized internationally as an example of innovative local  
14 governance for a diverse community; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he served as the first City Attorney of Sandy Springs until retiring from that  
16 position in 2017; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Wendell sustains his commitment to service outside the halls of government,  
18 serving on the board of the Newtown Park Foundation and as a friend and advisor on whom  
19 other leaders rely for wisdom and inspiration; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
21 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Wendell Willard for his many  
24 contributions to his community and his profession and express gratitude for the example he  
25 has set for leadership and service.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Wendell Willard.