

Senate Resolution 649

By: Senators Miller of the 49th and Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Judge Jason Deal for his service as presiding judge of the Hall County Drug
2 Court and commending the Hall County Drug Court upon the occasion of its 100th
3 graduation; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Hall County Drug Court was established in 2001 under Judge John
5 Girardeau to provide early intervention to individuals with substance abuse issues; and

6 WHEREAS, the program spans a minimum of two years and encompasses vocational,
7 educational, and spiritual components, along with substance abuse treatment; and

8 WHEREAS, the current 174 participants commit to a strict program that requires them to
9 submit to random drug testing two to three times per week, maintain full-time employment
10 or be enrolled in school full time, attend daily treatment groups, attend weekly court sessions,
11 and more; and

12 WHEREAS, this successful program is overseen by Judge Jason Deal and Judge Clint G.
13 Bearden, who are both superior court judges for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Deal started the Dawson County Treatment Court in July 2006; he served
15 as the first chairperson of the Georgia Council of Accountability Court Judges and sat on the
16 Georgia Criminal Justice Reform Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, the Hall County Drug Court is changing the lives of people in Georgia with
18 each graduating class, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the importance of this
19 program be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize Judge Jason Deal for his superlative service to the Hall County Drug Court and
22 commend the Hall County Drug Court upon the occasion of its 100th graduation.

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 Judge Jason Deal.