

## House Resolution 436

By: Representatives Williams of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Gunter of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Leverett of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating and commending the Honorable William A. Prior Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Honorable William A. Prior Jr. recently received the Chief Justice Thomas  
3 O. Marshall Judicial Professionalism Award by the Bench and Bar Committee of the State  
4 Bar of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this remarkable citizen of ideal judicial demeanor has established a glowing  
6 reputation of renown throughout Georgia for his role as chief judge of superior courts of the  
7 Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Judge William A. Prior Jr. has held the chief judge position unopposed since  
9 1994, implementing clear, succinct, and prompt rulings and sentences; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this humble public servant from Morgan County, Georgia, has held office for  
11 over 38 with distinct integrity, professionalism, and judicial acumen; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after graduating from Virginia Military Institute, he served as a guardian of this  
13 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously  
14 protecting his fellow Americans and retiring as colonel; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge William A. Prior Jr. graduated from the University of Georgia School of  
16 Law before partnering in the firm Baldwin & Prior and serving the Morgan County Board  
17 of Commissioners with exceptional dedication, respect, and fairness; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
19 extraordinary citizen of distinction be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body congratulate the Honorable William A. Prior Jr. for receiving the  
22 Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Judicial Professionalism Award, commend him for many  
23 outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and extend best wishes for  
24 continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 Honorable William A. Prior Jr.