

House Resolution 397

By: Representative Washburn of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Lewis Patterson; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
7 dramatically by his superlative service as a municipal court judge and magistrate judge in
8 Jones County, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, he was first elected in 1984 as the first African American county commissioner,
10 serving from 1985 to 1988 with a high degree of professionalism and integrity; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Patterson's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
12 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
13 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Judge Patterson has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and
17 unyielding commitment to his profession have set the standard for public service; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge Lewis Patterson for his efficient,
22 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most
23 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Judge
26 Lewis Patterson.