

Senate Resolution 721

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Harrell of the 40th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Lester G. Jackson III on his outstanding public service as
2 a Georgia State Senator; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lester G. Jackson III has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Meharry Medical College in 1985, Dr. Jackson was
10 commissioned as a naval officer, proudly serving for seven years as a dental officer for the
11 United States Navy, where he obtained the rank of Lt. Commander; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was first elected to the legislature in 1998 and served for the House
13 of Representatives for ten years before he was elected to the State Senate, where he currently
14 serves as chairman for the Senate Urban Affairs Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson is a nationally renowned healthcare provider, who has received
16 numerous awards, including being named Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Dental
17 Association and receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the National Dental
18 Association; partnering with his wife, Dr. Lorna C. Jackson, their practice, The Jackson
19 Dental Center, is a cornerstone of dental services for the state's coastal region; and

20 WHEREAS, he was voted by his legislative peers as the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus
21 Legislator of the year and currently serves as the chairman of the Georgia Legislative Black
22 Caucus, the largest in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, he is the CEO of Coastal Health Solutions, Inc., a company that recognizes the
24 growing need to promote and employ dental allied health professionals who are experts in
25 their field; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
27 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
28 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia General
30 Assembly, and his vision and unyielding commitment to the betterment of Georgia will be
31 sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize and commend Dr. Lester G. Jackson III for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and

36 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion
37 of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and
38 happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Lester G.
41 Jackson III.