

Senate Resolution 376

By: Senators Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Larry Pellegrini; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Larry Pellegrini has dedicated over 30 years to championing progressive causes
3 and advocating for LGBTQ equality at the Georgia State Capitol; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he began his journey in advocacy through his volunteer work with Southern
5 Voice and made history as the first openly gay lobbyist at the Georgia State Capitol,
6 advocating for LGBTQ rights at a time when such efforts faced significant opposition and
7 focusing his early work on sodomy law reform; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Larry Pellegrini participated in the Cracker Barrel campaign, a landmark protest
9 movement that directly challenged employment discrimination against LGBTQ individuals
10 and influenced broader discussions on domestic partnerships and equality; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he has further served as the executive director of the Georgia Rural Urban
12 Summit, which connects rural and urban progressives, as well as a member of the board of
13 directors for the Georgia Stonewall Democrats; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Larry Pellegrini has demonstrated a steadfast
15 commitment to uniting diverse groups in the pursuit of justice, fairness, and equality,
16 working to combat discriminatory legislation and protect fundamental rights; and

17 WHEREAS, he remains a respected leader in Georgia's progressive movement, inspiring a
18 new generation of activists to continue the fight for hate crime protections,
19 non-discrimination policies, and other critical legislative advancements; and

20 WHEREAS, his exemplary efforts and unwavering dedication to advocacy have left an
21 enduring mark on Georgia's political landscape and the broader fight for equality, making
22 it abundantly fitting and proper that he be appropriately honored.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Larry Pellegrini for his remarkable contributions to progressive
25 advocacy and LGBTQ rights in Georgia and extend best wishes for future health and
26 happiness.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Larry Pellegrini.