

House Resolution 675

By: Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, DeLoach of the 167th, Parrish of the 158th, Carpenter of the 4th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Keith Hatcher upon his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Keith Hatcher received a bachelor of science degree in political science from
3 Georgia College in Milledgeville, Georgia, in 1985; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Keith Hatcher served as a legislative intern for the former Senator Al Halloway
5 during the 1986 session of the Georgia General Assembly; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Keith Hatcher was hired by the Georgia Association of REALTORS (GAR) to
7 serve as a lobbyist for the Governmental Affairs Department in June 1986, and led the
8 department until 2015; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his lobbying efforts have been instrumental in several crucial legislative
10 victories for REALTORS, including the passage of the Commercial Brokers Lien Rights Act
11 and the Brokerage Relationship in Real Estate Transactions Act in 1993, the signing into law
12 of the Landlord Tenant Act in 1997, the defeat of a proposed real estate transfer tax increase
13 in Georgia in 1998, and the passage of legislation to limit the state's use of Eminent Domain
14 in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, he received the GAR President's Award in 1998 for his tireless efforts in
16 defeating the transfer tax increase legislation; and

17 WHEREAS, he served as the Chair of the Real Estate Trade Group for multiple legislative
18 sessions, Chair of Georgia Chamber of Commerce Environment, Energy, Natural Resources,
19 and Water Management committee in 2011; is a member of the Georgia Chamber of
20 Commerce's Governmental Affairs Council Executive Committee; and has served on the
21 Board of Directors for the National Kidney Foundation, serving Georgia and Alabama, since
22 2009; and

23 WHEREAS, he opened his own consulting firm in 2016, and served multiple clients until his
24 retirement in 2024; and

25 WHEREAS, he has worked under six Georgia Governors, six Lieutenant Governors, and six
26 Speakers of the House, earning the respect of multiple generations of legislators through his
27 honest brokerage and passionate advocacy; and

28 WHEREAS, he has gained acclaim away from the General Assembly as a result of his
29 extraordinary proficiency with a pool stick and his hole in one at Cateechee golf Club.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Keith Hatcher for his efficient, effective,
32 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the
33 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
34 health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Keith
37 Hatcher.