

House Resolution 689

By: Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Crawford of the 89th, Washburn of the 144th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Judge Bryant Culpepper Jr. for his outstanding public service
2 to the State of Georgia, the Judicial Branch specifically, and the community at large as well
3 as for his dedication to upholding the principles of justice and fairness; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Judge Bryant Culpepper Jr. previously served as a Georgia legislator from
6 Macon and later as the Superior Court Judge of Bibb County; and

7 WHEREAS, now a senior judge as well as a litigator, Judge Culpepper served with
8 distinction 25 years ago as Chair of the Supreme Court Child Placement Project, now known
9 as the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, consistently
10 demonstrating a deep commitment to the legal system that serves our state's most vulnerable
11 children and families; and

12 WHEREAS, during Judge Culpepper's tenure as Chair of the Child Placement Project from
13 1996 to 2000, House Bill 182 emerged from extensive discussions and advocacy, leading to
14 the establishment of the first state funding for juvenile court judges in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, prior to the passage of House Bill 182, 14 judicial circuits lacked a dedicated
16 Juvenile Court Judge and were served by Superior Court Judges; today, that funding ensures
17 that every circuit has at least one Juvenile Court Judge, with the state now supporting 75
18 full-time judges and 27 part-time judges; and

19 WHEREAS, on the 25th anniversary of the passage of this landmark funding bill, which
20 would not have succeeded without Judge Culpepper's leadership, it is fitting to celebrate his
21 efforts in strengthening Georgia's judicial branch.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend Judge Bryant Culpepper Jr. for his
24 outstanding public service and dedication to the administration of justice.

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 Judge
27 Bryant Culpepper Jr.