

House Resolution 823

By: Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Burchett of the 176th, Burns of the 159th, McDonald III of the 26th, LaHood of the 175th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 state for the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the people of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a native of Waycross, Chief Justice Boggs earned his undergraduate degree in
6 political science and psychology from Georgia Southern College before obtaining his Juris
7 Doctor from the Mercer University School of Law, where he distinguished himself as a
8 member of the Moot Court Board, the ABA/Law School Division moot court competition
9 team, and the Order of Barristers; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after beginning his legal career in Atlanta, he returned to Waycross to establish
11 a general civil trial practice, focusing on personal injury, domestic relations, and real estate
12 matters while serving concurrently as a county attorney, special assistant attorney general,
13 and counsel to the regional Development Authority; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2000, he was elected to the Georgia General Assembly as a State
15 Representative, where he served with distinction on the Judiciary, Public Safety, and

16 Government Affairs committees; chaired the Probate Law and Elections Law subcommittees;
17 and was honored as the Outstanding Freshman Member of the General Assembly by the
18 Legislative Alumni Association in 2002; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Boggs began his judicial career as a superior court judge,
20 founding and presiding over his circuit's felony drug court program before being appointed
21 to the Court of Appeals of Georgia in 2012; and

22 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2016, Governor Nathan Deal appointed him to the Supreme
23 Court of Georgia, where he was subsequently re-elected without opposition in 2018 and
24 2024, and in 2022, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as chief justice; and

25 WHEREAS, after years of exemplary service, Chief Justice Boggs has announced his
26 resignation from the Supreme Court of Georgia effective March 31, 2025, marking the
27 conclusion of his tenure on the state's highest court; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately honored.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs for his
32 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend
33 the most sincere best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
36 Justice Michael P. Boggs.