

Senate Resolution 621

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Brass of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harrell of the 40th, Echols of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ronald 'Ron' F. Wakefield for his outstanding public service
2 with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Ronald "Ron" F. Wakefield has long been recognized by the citizens of Georgia
5 for his dedicated service and steadfast commitment to individuals with intellectual and
6 developmental disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, he began his career in 1982 with a program administered by Temple University
8 in Pennsylvania, advancing from a direct care worker to supervisory and leadership roles,
9 consistently demonstrating excellence, compassion, and integrity in the delivery of services;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, after relocating to Georgia in 2005, Mr. Wakefield served the Georgia
12 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) in multiple
13 leadership capacities, including Case Expeditor in Region 3, Regional Service Administrator
14 in Region 1, and Director of Field Operations, earning the respect and admiration of
15 colleagues, stakeholders, and the community alike; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Wakefield's leadership has been characterized by vision, dedication, and
17 an unwavering commitment to collaboration with individuals served, families, providers, and
18 public officials, fostering innovation, quality, and excellence across the State of Georgia's
19 developmental disability services; and

20 WHEREAS, his educational background, including a Bachelor of Business Administration
21 from Temple University and numerous professional certifications in developmental disability
22 services, coupled with his experience and tireless work ethic, exemplify the highest standards
23 of public service; and

24 WHEREAS, Ronald Wakefield embodies the values and mission of DBHDD, which,
25 together with its network of community providers, offers supports and services that help
26 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities attain independence and lead
27 meaningful, fulfilling lives; and

28 WHEREAS, his career reflects a profound dedication to improving the lives of countless
29 Georgians and is a reflection of the commitment, professionalism, and excellence that
30 DBHDD employees strive to uphold; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mr. Wakefield's outstanding
32 achievements, leadership, and commitment to public service be recognized and commended.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize and commend Ronald 'Ron' F. Wakefield for his outstanding public service with
35 the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ronald 'Ron' F.
38 Wakefield.