

## House Resolution 1124

By: Representatives Rice of the 95<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Brockway of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. H. Allen Ecker and inviting him to be recognized by the  
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. H. Allen Ecker is a lifelong Georgia resident and attended Boys High  
4 School in Atlanta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from  
6 Georgia Tech in 1957 and 1958, respectively, and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from  
7 Ohio State University in 1965; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ecker played football under Coach Bobby Dodd, securing victories for the  
9 Yellow Jackets in the Cotton, Sugar, and Gator Bowls and achieving the honors of  
10 second-team All-American and academic All-American; and

11 WHEREAS, he spent ten years with the Georgia Tech Research Institute as Director of the  
12 Applied Engineering Laboratory, building up sponsored research in its Radar Division,  
13 Countermeasures Division, Communications Division, and Biomedical Electronic Division;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Ecker retired from a successful career as Executive Vice President of  
16 Scientific Atlanta where his legacy of technical innovation included his leadership in  
17 developing a digital television cable network and other pioneering efforts in digital television  
18 that led to Scientific Atlanta's receipt of Emmy awards in 2007 and 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Lawrenceville, Georgia, based company, he contributed  
20 to a lasting economic impact on the business community in Gwinnett County and the State  
21 of Georgia and continues to serve the state as a well-respected telecommunications industry  
22 spokesman, having supervised more than 80 major publications and served as chairman of  
23 many industry technical and standards committees; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Ecker was inducted into the Technology Hall of Fame of Georgia in 1999  
25 for his significant contributions to the State of Georgia and, among numerous recognitions  
26 from the Atlanta Telecom Professionals, is an inductee of Georgia Tech's Academy of  
27 Distinguished Engineering Alumni and the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. H. Allen Ecker is a dedicated citizen and philanthropist and, among  
29 numerous other funds and programs, has directed Internet Protocol Television research funds  
30 to support autism research.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Dr. H. Allen Ecker for his sustained contributions to this  
33 state and the greater research community and invite him to be recognized by the House of  
34 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
35 Representatives.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. H. Allen Ecker.