

## House Resolution 1315

By: Representatives Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Efstoration of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Burchett of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Richard Clay Ruskell upon his retirement; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Richard Clay Ruskell is known by his friends, family, and peers as an avid  
4 Georgia Bulldog fan, rookie golfer, aspiring gardener, and grill master; and

5 WHEREAS, he is further known as the loving husband of his wife, Jean; the devoted father  
6 of three remarkable sons, John, Michael, and Mark; and the doting "Paw-Paw" of two  
7 wonderful grandchildren, Harrison and Natalie; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia, his distinguished professional career  
9 began at The Harrison Company in Norcross, Georgia, where he served from 1979 to 2002  
10 before joining the Office of Legislative Counsel in 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, his 20 years of exemplary and excellent service to the Office of Legislative  
12 Counsel included five years as Legislative Counsel, a role in which he utilized his vast legal  
13 expertise and experience to aid all members of the Georgia General Assembly in their  
14 endeavors; and

15 WHEREAS, Richard Clay Ruskell possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through  
16 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many  
17 challenges of life; and

18 WHEREAS, a resident of Dawson County, Georgia, he is a person of magnanimous strengths  
19 with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

20 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, Richard Clay Ruskell brings joy and happiness to  
21 his family and to the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing  
22 him; and

23 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
24 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he has established a brilliant  
25 reputation of renown throughout the state for his proficiency and experience; and

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

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

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Richard Clay Ruskell.