

House Resolution 1573

By: Representative Cheokas of the 151<sup>st</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending William "Ross" King; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William "Ross" King has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born April 2, 1958, in Des Moines, Iowa; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1976;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he attended High Point College (now High Point University) and graduated  
9 with a double major in history and political science in 1981 and then attended the University  
10 of Tennessee where he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1982; and

11 WHEREAS, while attending the University of Tennessee, he interned for the City of  
12 Americus, and, upon graduation, began his career in public service there as administrative  
13 assistant to the Mayor, Russell Thomas, Jr., and city council; and

14 WHEREAS, while serving in Americus he authored several important pieces of legislation  
15 including the Downtown Development Authority ordinance and Main Street Application; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1984, he was hired by Hank Huckaby as the first state coordinator for what  
17 later became the Georgia Environmental Facilities Finance Authority; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1987, he began working at the Association County Commissioners of  
19 Georgia, serving as the association's policy director and deputy director; and

20 WHEREAS, he was appointed as executive director of at the Association County  
21 Commissioners of Georgia in May 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, he worked diligently and conscientiously on behalf of Georgia's county officials  
23 and their communities, with a focus on public policy and advocacy, leadership development,  
24 civic and community engagement, and cost-efficient programs such as insurance and  
25 retirement; and

26 WHEREAS, he retired in 2017 after 30 years of efficient and dedicated public service with  
27 the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
29 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state  
30 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend William "Ross" King and for his efficient,  
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most  
36 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
39 William "Ross" King.