

## House Resolution 1729

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chairman Wendell Willard on his outstanding service with  
2 the Georgia General Assembly; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chairman Wendell Willard's unimpeachable reputation for integrity,  
4 intelligence, fairness, and kindness have been the hallmarks of his tenure at the helm of the  
5 House Committee on Judiciary and he has long been recognized by the citizens of this state,  
6 and most especially the lawyers in this state, for the vital role that he has played in leadership  
7 and commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted time, talents, and energy toward  
9 the betterment of his district and state and his vision and unyielding commitment have set  
10 the standard for public service; and

11 WHEREAS, always the champion of the underserved, Chairman Willard's contributions to  
12 the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* are too numerous to list, but include his tenacity in  
13 achieving the passage of numerous pieces of landmark legislation, including the rewrite of  
14 the Evidence Code, Juvenile Code, child support guidelines, and providing greater  
15 protections to the elderly; and

16 WHEREAS, this distinguished public servant remains steadfastly committed to addressing  
17 legal issues affecting citizens and the courts, serving as a leader in rewriting the Garnishment  
18 Code, laws affecting the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and property laws, including  
19 eminent domain; and

20 WHEREAS, his vision and direction were instrumental in the creation of the cities of Sandy  
21 Springs, Johns Creek, and Milton; and

22 WHEREAS, Chairman Willard has been a friend and confidant of so many in this body with  
23 diplomacy skills bridging partisan divides, and his remarkable patience and sensitivity, keen

24 sense of vision, and his judicious thoughtfulness to the needs of the citizens of this state have  
25 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

26 WHEREAS, Chairman Willard has taken many members of this body under his strong  
27 wings, helping them to fly with their legislation, imbibing of his keen sense of ethics and his  
28 unassuming nature; and

29 WHEREAS, a dandy dresser, the twinkle in his eye and his fatherly disposition will be sorely  
30 missed, so it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Chairman Wendell Willard for his  
34 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia;  
35 congratulate him on the grand occasion of his retirement from public service; and extend  
36 sincere best wishes for continued success, 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 Chairman Wendell Willard.