

House Resolution 1740

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Hatchett of the 150th, Coomer of the 14th, Burns of the 159th, and Jones of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Naming the forthcoming new state appellate judicial complex the "Nathan Deal Judicial
2 Center"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Governor Nathan Deal has served honorably and excellently as the highest
4 executive officer of the State of Georgia since 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Governor Deal will take his place among the state's greatest governors when
6 his final term of office ends in January of 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, this session of the General Assembly of Georgia thus offers an appropriate
8 opportunity to reflect upon the Governor's singular and significant contributions to his state
9 and her citizens and to honor those contributions; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating with undergraduate and law degrees from Mercer University,
11 he began a lifetime of public service in the United States Army at Fort Gordon in Augusta;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, thereafter, he started a private law practice in Gainesville, then again entered
14 into public service, first as a prosecutor, then moving onward and upward to judge, State
15 Senator, and Representative of Georgia's Ninth Congressional District in the United States
16 House of Representatives; and

17 WHEREAS, during his current tenure as Georgia's eighty-second Governor, he guided the
18 state through the throes of difficult financial times, grew local small businesses, attracted top
19 corporations from around the globe, produced consistently balanced budgets, maintained
20 Georgia's AAA bond rating, increased the state's "rainy day" reserve fund to more than
21 \$2 billion, implemented investment in the state's transportation system, and effectuated
22 criminal and educational reforms; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia consequently enjoys a robust business climate and
24 economy that make possible the construction of a new state appellate judicial complex
25 worthy of the state's top judges and justices; and

26 WHEREAS, it therefore is proper and appropriate to honor Governor Nathan Deal's lifetime
27 of public service and dedication to the State of Georgia by naming after him the new home
28 and symbol of justice in the state.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the new state appellate judicial complex, to be completed in 2019, be forever designated and
31 known as the "Nathan Deal Judicial Center."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Governor Nathan Deal and to the public and the press.