

## Senate Resolution 1149

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Jones of the 25th and Mullis of the 53rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Special Assistant to the President of the United States and  
2 Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs William Kirkland; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a Georgia native, William "Billy" Kirkland graduated from the University of  
4 Georgia with a degree in political science; and

5 WHEREAS, he grew up in Henry County and Billy and his family, including both of his  
6 parents, his brother, and his sister, have been politically involved on both the state and local  
7 levels for many years, resulting in making the phrase "Henry County Strong" notable in  
8 political circles; and

9 WHEREAS, Billy has been a longtime grassroots leader in the Georgia Republican Party,  
10 has served as an officer in the Henry County Republican Party, and has worked on numerous  
11 state and local Republican campaigns, including the campaign of former Governor Sonny  
12 Perdue; and

13 WHEREAS, his extensive experience in the political arena includes serving as a legislative  
14 aide in the Georgia House of Representatives for Rep. Jimmy Pruet, serving Governor  
15 Sonny Perdue in his office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and serving as the campaign  
16 manager for Senator David Perdue's successful election campaign to the United States  
17 Senate; and

18 WHEREAS, his career path has led him to the White House as a highly esteemed Special  
19 Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; and

20 WHEREAS, in this position, Billy diligently serves as the direct point of contact for the  
21 nation's mayors, state legislators, county officials, and tribal governments; and

22 WHEREAS, in such positions, he has done an exceptional job in leveraging federal, state,  
23 and local relationships with the State of Georgia and the White House; and

24 WHEREAS, in such position, Billy has been able to help our citizens in times of disaster and  
25 emergency and has been instrumental in giving state and local leaders from Georgia a voice  
26 on issues that are critical to the citizens of this state through regular invitations to the White  
27 House to participate in discussions on matters such as infrastructure, tax reform, and the  
28 opioid crisis; and

29 WHEREAS, Billy is a long-suffering Atlanta sports fan, following the Atlanta Falcons,  
30 Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks (until the Golden State Warriors started winning), Atlanta  
31 United, and the Georgia Bulldogs, and he is also an avid fan of the Duke Blue Devils; and

32 WHEREAS, he has a world-class sense of humor, sharpening his elbows against both  
33 political opponents as well as sports adversaries, but also maintains the ability to laugh at  
34 himself; and

35 WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment to date was persuading his now wife Paige to  
36 marry him, allowing him to pass on his love for Atlanta sports to William Henry Kirkland;  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding service to this country  
39 and to the State of Georgia of this exemplary and esteemed citizen be appropriately  
40 recognized.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
42 recognize and commend Special Assistant to the President of the United States and Deputy  
43 Director of Intergovernmental Affairs William Kirkland.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to William Kirkland.